

# Shrewsbury Planning Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Shrewsbury Town Office

9823 Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury VT

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Attendees: Laura Black, Connor Self, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, Alan Shelvey, Sally Dienzer

1. Call to order at 7:10pm
2. Approval of agenda with revisions. Agenda approved with revisions
3. Met with Alan Shelvey on digitizing the Community Values Maps markups. We agreed to:
  - Alan has offered to do the digital work of creating the map markups in Arc-GIS (Q-GIS). Alan does not want to take any monetary compensation for his time.
  - The PC presented the Monkton report to Alan to show and explain what the images are expected to look like, the layering images, etc. Laura described that Jens Hilke is available for any further consultation.
  - Laura will get a pdf from RRMC (Nic Stark), for Alan.
  - The digitizing will mean - maps will show the markups in vectors, one value group per color as defined.
  - We ask Alan to create one “layer” of vectors of one value group and let us see it before moving on, just to make sure we are on same page. We ask to leave the “Scenic” value group to last, as we discuss how best to show this value group. (see Monkton report – Jens’ description of the different “views.”
  - Planning Commission will go over all ten maps at the May 28 meeting to check that markups are clear, the polygons are closed, etc. before we give the maps over to Alan to start work.
  - Alan plans to work on the maps at the Town Office and requests that a commissioner be present to assist, at least when he gets started. Laura is available many days/hours and volunteers to do so.
4. Sally Dienzer presented a brief description of Green Mountain Neighbors (GMN), and how the organization has progressed to date. GMN provides services for residents of Shrewsbury, Mount Holly and Wallingford. There are about 40 active members; services include wellness calls, local transportation, grocery pickups and community events; it relies on volunteers. Walking groups is another evolving activity. Other agencies in the Rutland Region that offer services to seniors are “stretched to the limit” thus GMN is a welcome and potentially essential organization to assist seniors to continue to live in their own homes. We discussed that GMN should be mentioned in, and consulted with, for the next Town Plan.

5. Acceptance of meeting minutes of April 23, 2024. Meeting minutes for April 23, 2024 accepted as written.
6. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received). Laura reported on some data that was written in the draft Regional Plan that seemed off, having to do with number of employed persons in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing and the average net income of farms in the Rutland Region. Commissioners Connor and Ryan agreed that the numbers don't make sense without further details and explanation. Laura will be following this item.
7. Community Values Mapping project
  - Discuss – initial takeaways. Laura mentioned that several townspeople said that it was well planned, fun, folks generally enjoyed participating
  - Check maps for markup readability. Initial viewing of maps showed that most markings were clear; a few polygons needed to be closed (that are obvious what the intent was); erroneous marks (unreadable, not clear what intent was) will be crossed off.
  - Options for digitizing. Other options would be waiting for RRMC staff to have time; advertising on GIS-Listserve; approaching a college (Jens suggested that it would be good work for a college student-intern).
  - Financials – receipts, reports, re-imbursements. Laura is collecting all and will present to Town Treasurer for reimbursements.
  - Times article. Laura has contacted Chryl M. do assist with an article/photos for the June Times.
  - Follow-up mapping for SP Commissioners, others? Connor and Ryan don't need to do any further markups on maps. Laura didn't opine one way or another.
8. Census data publication – Tabled to next meeting
9. To do list review – same list as before
  - Scenic Resources
  - Town Plan Maps discussion
  - Meadowlands review

Next meeting May 28

10. Adjourn

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Planning Commission, Chair

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