

Approved Meeting Minutes
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

May 7, 2024; 5:15 PM; Shrewsbury Meetinghouse and Google Meet

Attendees: Weezie Duda, Carrie Clancy, Pam Darrow, Chris Clarke, Connie Youngstrom

Late: Cynthia Thornton, Linda Shelvey

Absent: Michelle Greene, Peter Grace

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	April 2024 Minutes	<p>April 2024 meeting minutes approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Chris ● Seconded by Connie ● All others approved.
2	Financials	<p>\$169.30 total greenup expenses this year (lower than previous year due to donated food) \$91 can income, \$17 cash donations</p> <p>Reserve account \$2886 Remaining budget for 2024: \$980.70</p>
3	Green Up Day Debriefing	<p>Send TY notes to Rob Jaimes (and Lavinia) and Mark Goodwin for helping that day. Connie suggested we get together and clean out the perennial bed as a “thank you” gesture. Connie will run it by Martha to get the OK.</p> <p>94 volunteers, 60 miles cleaned, 100 bags disposed, 16 tires, returnables and recyclables separated</p> <p>Need more knowledge about how to deal with disposal of tires, pressure treated lumber. Connie will get advice from Kate A. at Greenup Vermont. Need guidance from Selectboard.</p> <p>Bert called Chris about the quantity of tires.</p> <p>Connie will email Smiths on Smith Lane and Norton-Krieger family on Button Hill to ask if they would be willing to clean up those roads.</p> <p>All 6 signs stored in corner of Town Office</p> <p>More cost effective for Town if volunteers pick up tires.</p> <p>Weezie made motion to attend Selectboard meeting to request a policy about tires be implemented. Pam seconded. All in favor.</p>
4	Walks and Talks	<p>Birding walk 5/11/24. Already advertised with signups.</p> <p>Connie will attend 5/10/24 Tim Stout presentation.</p>

		<p>Jumping Worms 6/12/24 7pm, probably at library, meetinghouse as backup.</p> <p>7/12/24 at Michelle Greene's, land management for habitats</p> <p>9/7/24 Travis Harte, bat and bat houses</p>
5	Wildlife Road Crossings	<p>Michelle collected data, Linda would like to meet with Weezie and Jens</p> <p>Linda wonders about low morale at end of season because of poor conditions.</p> <p>Need to know how many more years Jens wants us to push people and keep them excited. Bear sightings at end of this season were exciting.</p> <p>Do we have Qs we want to send along to Jens? Linda and Weezie and Michlle will brainstorm ways to move forward.</p> <p>Should we be ready to include data in next Town Plan? Weezie will find out.</p> <p>Linda brainstorming next camera locations.</p>
6	Invasives	<p>Pam wonders about morale. She has already been out pulling but has not yet asked for help because of less enthusiastic response last year.</p> <p>Talking with individual landowners. Tim asking neighbors to think about ecological forestry/invasives that has been helpful.</p> <p>Discusses a resident who wants help with honeysuckle.</p> <p>Cynthia reminded us that individual homeowners are just getting started dealing with invasives on our own properties.</p> <p>Landowner involvement is important first line of defense. Need concerted effort to contact people and remind them season by season.</p> <p>Residents HK and PW have asked for help walking their properties to ID invasives. Pam willing to get in touch and advise.</p>
7	Welcome Bags	<p>June ad coming along with contacting new landowners - Weezie.</p> <p>Need some names to share with landowners who need help with invasive plants.</p>
8	Class 4 Roads	No update
9	Pollinator Project	<p>Pam rcvd contingent permission to use property to right of Pierce's. Rita Gyls will work as master gardener to help. Possible funding and interns if UVM master gardeners program approves. Pros and cons of multiple possibilities in that area are being discussed. Long way to go with planning. Pollinator Pathways of Addison Co. might be an org willing to help.</p>
10	New Business	<p>Cynthia brought up that we need more stamps and stationery for thank you notes. Carrie has notes and will buy stamps for reimbursement.</p>

		<p>Pam will write note to Luke Groff.</p> <p>Act 59 (new conservation plan) Weezie has been engaging with the info they have been sending out, and advises that we all need to examine law. Look at AVCC info shared. In case we want to have input in the future.</p> <p>Cynthia wonders if we are supposed to be recording town meetings - will open meeting laws be changed in this way? No rule yet per Weezie.</p>
	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date: June 4, 2024 ● Time: 5:15 PM ● Location: 450 Frank Lord Road
	Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Carrie ● Seconded by Chris ● All approved.

Minutes Prepared By:

- Carrie Clancy 5/7/2024

- Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission