

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
September 10, 2024
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Shrewsbury Town Office
9823 Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury VT

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Open to public input

Following public input:

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:05
Attendees: Laura Black, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, Conner Self, and Melissa Reichert
2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision
Agenda approved as presented
3. Acceptance of meeting minutes of June 25, 2024
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
4. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)
VLCT is having a Town Fair. The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC) is planning on reading the Zoning regulations. Laura brought up having a meeting with the SCC to talk about the zoning regulations. It would be good to focus on certain sections and also give them an opportunity to ask questions about the zoning. Laura will spear head this and we would try to do it before the holidays. Mount Holly is doing inoculation for Emerald Ash Borer according to the SCC minutes.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission RRPC got a grant for workforce development in the Rutland Area. RRPC is discussing their dues policy and the Rutland Regional Plan is starting the next phase, they are having public meetings soon.

Conner has been thinking about the Act 250 updates and the different tiers for development are going to be developed by the regional commissions.
5. Class 4 road meeting with Selectboard
Laura will ask the Selectboard to put the policy on the agenda for discussion at the next Selectboard meeting. Laura will write them a letter asking if they have any questions and to have a discussion at their meeting.
6. Canada Lynx

The Canada Lynx continues to be sighted in the Town. We do not know if it is a natural occurrence or if it was a pet that was let go. It may be important to know which one it is and to think about forest management related to the Canada Lynx. The Forest Service in areas inhabited by the Canada Lynx has specific management guidelines for the Lynx. Melissa will contact the Game Warden to see what is happening with the Lynx.

7. Town Plan revision strategy

Laura put Town Plans into Dropbox for us to review. The Tinmouth Town Plan has some different maps. We need to think about concepts, look at legislative changes, and develop a workplan. Everything needs a review but not all sections will need rewrites. We need to identify which sections need rewrites. What do we want to change format wise, do we want more graphics and to make it more user friendly? What are we going to do about information gathering and engaging the public?

8. Community Value Mapping update

The scans of the Community Values Mapping notes are in dropbox. Laura has not gotten an update from Alan Shelvey. Laura will reconnect with Alan. We should read the notes for the next meeting.

9. Plan for next year including review of "to do list"

10. To do list review – same list as before

- Scenic Resources – Melissa will take the lead on Scenic resources.
- Town Plan Maps discussion – Conner will review the maps
- Meadowlands review – start discussion with the conservation commission and Laura thinks she drafted notes. Ryan will summarize what is in the meadowlands folder.

Next meeting September 24

11. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date