

Approved Meeting Minutes
 Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
 September 3, 2024; 5:15 PM; 450 Frank Lord Rd
 Meeting called to order at 5:19 pm

Attendees: Weezie Duda, Carrie Clancy, Michelle Greene, Cynthia Thornton, Connie Youngstrom, Peter Grace, Pam Darrow

Absent: Linda Shelvey, Chris Clarke

Members of the Public: none

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	August 2024 Minutes	August 2024 meeting minutes approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Michelle ● Seconded by Peter ● Pam did not vote ● All others approved.
2	Financials	Chris not present to report, Weezie assumes no change in financials. Anticipates buying 28 x \$14.75 tee shirts. Weezie has purchased 2 x \$8.99 tree protector 4-packs
3	Shrewsbury Day	Weezie sent song to Betsy, Carrie sent DJ blurb to Weezie. Carrie still needs to write up the EAB handout or obtain preprinted brochures. On the hook for 50 copies of whichever. Connie volunteered to collect banner after parade. Weezie wants to store masks near welcome bags after parade. Parade has green color theme.
4	Gary's Grove & Maple Trees at Meetinghouse	Connie thinks we should do another mow this year. Envisions something between a lawn and a rough field. Weedwhacking date will be set at October meeting. At meetinghouse: Need to cut down the one smallest damaged tree. Keep an eye on other damaged tree for now. Maybe notify landscaping company. Connie noticed another dead maple in area close to Davis house but maybe on meetinghouse property. Connie will put back on Mark/meetinghouse committee to figure out. If we need to ask tree warden if he can help.

5	Walks and Talks	<p>Saturday 9/7 Batty for Bats 10-12 at Plymbsbury. Rain or shine. Chris will have handout. Weezie will pick up first aid kit.</p> <p>Weezie asked Diane J, with Linda's help, to host a naturalist walk on her 50 acre property on Kieffer Rd. Oct 12 (tentative) with a follow up walk in same location in winter. Winter date TBA.</p> <p>Connie suggests Bee the Change might be good guests for pollinator garden walk and talk. Maybe April? Focus would be importance if establishing pollinator gardens. Or maybe advising people what next steps to take. Also rally enthusiasm for helping in the SCC pollinator garden. Michelle will check library availability dates for this possible program.</p>
6	Wildlife Crossings	<p>Kickoff party November 2 from 1-3 at Meetinghouse. Linda passed along questions and comments via Michelle. Will develop some visuals to hold a refresher for distinguishing tracks. Should we advertise for new people to join the program? Yes. In next Times of Shrewsbury. Should it be a potluck? Maybe we can order grinders and chips? Connie will make tomato soup. Pam makes motion to budget \$100 for food for this event, Michelle seconded, all in favor. Jens was able to open data. Jens will provide updated map soon.</p>
7	T-shirts	ordered
8	Welcome Bags	Delivered one more in N. Shrewsbury.
9	Pollinator Garden	<p>Pam wants to doublecheck on landowner permission for garden. Pam will get fact sheet about landowner liability from Weezie and share with landowners. Pam will ask Barry for advice. Garden cleanup can happen in fall or spring but Connie thinks it would be nice to cut out dead stuff in November. Will decide date at next meeting.</p>
10	New Business	<p>Cynthia wonders if we should be paying attention to larger land conservation issues. Concerns about logging trucks in town. Michelle will try to get advice. How can we ensure that the SCC will be consulted to weigh in on development issues? Some discussion wondering how to answer this question. Let's get familiar with zoning laws. Weezie makes motion that each of us reads zoning regs and zoning portion of town plan prior to November meeting. Seconded Cynthia. All agreed.</p> <p>Connie inspired by Mt. Holly SCC who are running program to inoculate private trees in their town against EAB. Cynthia will follow up and try to learn more.</p>
	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date: October 1, 2024 ● Time: 5:15 PM ● Location: 450 Frank Lord Road
	Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Carrie

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Minutes Prepared By:

- Carrie Clancy 9/3/2024
- Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission