

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
October 8, 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 September 24, 2024
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
4. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)
Melissa Has contacted Fish and Wildlife about the lynx. There have been articles on it in Vermont Digger and Channel 5 News. Laura met with the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC) on Class 4 Roads. Laura discussed the SCC plan to read the Shrewsbury Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations with them. We discussed suggesting areas for them to focus on.
There is a Recreational Trails grant available. There is a survey available for the Rutland Regional Plan.
5. Town Plan revision strategy
We discussed Laura's Update Strategy Notes. Logan Soloman at Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is putting together a Town Plan Toolkit. Melissa suggested that we should have the Statutory requirements for a Town Plan. Melissa will prepare the statutory requirements. We need to determine the structure of the Town Plan in the next couple of months. Melissa expressed a concern about pre-determining the length of the document and agreed that we need to look for redundancy. Ryan and Conner are going to review the plan for redundancy. We discussed the value of graphics and photos. Melissa looked at couple of plans with a lot of photos and graphics. She will put them in Dropbox. We reviewed the Timeline for the Plan. There was a question about the RRPC approval. The date is incorrect and should be Jan-Mar 2007. Laura shared the RRPC Plan Plan Purpose and Design.
6. Community Value Mapping

Laura is going to develop a response for the Community Value Mapping to be put in the Times. She will have this for the next meeting. Laura is going to work on transferring the map information in preparation for it being digitized.

7. To do list review – same list as before

- Scenic Resources - Melissa
- Town Plan Maps discussion – Conner is looking into the requirements. Melissa will work on the requirements for maps and send them to Conner. The Maps correspond with plan sections. Conner is developing questions related to the maps. He liked some of the Pawlet Town Plan maps.
- Meadowlands review - Ryan
We discussed the meadowland zoning language review and Ryan did not see any major issue with what the zoning regulations already has for meadowlands. We need to update the map for meadowlands since they convert to shrubland and forest quickly. Should we use prime agricultural soils instead. We agreed that we should add language related to Meadowlands to include the agricultural soils and wildlife habitat diversity. We need to review what is in the Town Plan related to Meadowlands. We want to ask the SCC about habitat in meadowlands. we should look at what other towns have done with meadowlands.

Next meeting October 22

8. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date