Approved Meeting Minutes
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
October 1, 2024; 5:15 PM; 450 Frank Lord Rd
Meeting called to order at 5:24 pm

Attendees: Weezie Duda, Carrie Clancy, Michelle Greene, Cynthia Thornton, Connie Youngstrom, Pam Darrow, Chris Clarke
Absent: Peter Grace, Linda Shelvey
Members of the Public: Laura Black (until 5:59)

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	Guest: Laura Black	Planning Commission working on Town Plan due early 2027. Encouraged us to read full Unified Subdivision and Zoning Regulations but there are specific sections that might interest us. No plans for amending bylaws. Welcome to provide input for distant future consideration. Pay attention to Class 4 Roads, Meadowlands, how "scenic" is defined. Class 4 Road Policy amendment draft has been reviewed by Selectboard and minor wording changes have been requested by Selectboard. SCC members asked Laura if language can be clear as to whether certain types of motorized vehicles will be addressed in the final language. Selectboard asked the Planning Commission to draft a different permit for when maintenance access is needed on Class 4 Roads. Reminder of Dam Removal meeting tomorrow. No details shared.
2	September 2024 Minutes	September 2024 meeting minutes approved as amended. ● Motion made by Michelle ● Seconded by Pam ● All others approved.
3	Financials	Reserve $2886. Remaining in budget $406.
4	T-Shirts	We distributed the tees at the meeting. Michelle and Pam took the tees for the wildlife trackers and invasives volunteers.
5	Gary's Grove	Cleanup date 10/10/2024 2:00 pm.
6	Walks & Talks	10/12/24 10:00 am. Diane Jacobsen's property. Wildlife sighting and wildlife camera setup.
7	Pollinator Garden	no Bee the Change update from Connie No updates from Pam
8	Invasives	Pam would like communication with road crew so that she is not pulling invasives on roads on same days that road crew is doing work. Pam and Weezie will start line of communication with future new road commissioner. Give Pam your volunteer hours.

		EAB: injectors not expensive but insecticide is expensive, need 10 injectors and process takes about one day per home and can only happen when sap is running.
9	Bat Boxes	MRU woodshop class makes batboxes. Do we want to ask them to build any? We can purchase for supply cost. Questions back from SCC, Carrie will follow up: How many chambers? Are dividers removable? Is inside treated? How many boxes can be built? Does school want to partner on a fundraiser and us to take orders? Do we also want to suggest bluebird boxes?
10	Wildlife Crossings	Jens has updated his maps with SCC data. He will include lynx sightings, bear sightings and bear signs. He will make 3 maps for SCC: 1. simple 4 years of data 2. Our data overlaid with biofinder 3. Our data overlaid on planning commission wildlife corridor map He will also send a large scale map that SCC can mount and will be portable to be used at meetings in town. Jens confirmed that our data IS reality and he is willing to come to meetings to add credibility from fish & wildlife department if needed. Jens does not want any more seasons of deer tracks recorded. OK to send springtime bear sightings to Linda. This coming winter will be the last year of the project. Too late now to add mile square to this project's data. Suggestion to partner with Mt. Holly in the future on this, encourage a future project. Confirmed 11/2 wildlife tracker kickoff celebration 1-3 pm.
	New Business	Rich Davis will cut tree in front of his house. Weezie reminder of upcoming AVCC webinar series. How can we be made aware of big development changes coming to Shrewsbury, including logging projects? Add that question to the Qs we accumulate as we are reading the zoning regs.
	Next Meeting	● Date: November 5, 2024 election day ● Time: 5:15 PM ● Location: 450 Frank Lord Road
	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm ● Motion made by Weezie ● Seconded by Michelle ● All approved.

Minutes Prepared By:
- Carrie Clancy 10/1/2024
- Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission