

Approved Meeting Minutes
 Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
 November 5, 2024; 5:15 PM; 450 Frank Lord Rd
 Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm

Attendees: Weezie Duda, Carrie Clancy, Michelle Greene, Cynthia Thornton, Connie Youngstrom, Pam Darrow, Chris Clarke, Linda Shelvey

Absent: Peter Grace

Members of the Public: Laura Black (just for Zoning Regs discussion)

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	October 2024 Minutes	October 2024 meeting minutes approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Weezie ● Seconded by Chris ● All others approved.
2	Financials	Chris added interest to reserve acct \$10.81 so far in 2024. Balance \$2,898.27. \$304.98 left in budget.
3	EAB	Weezie s/w Phil Crane/Mt. Holly SCC about ideas for future wildlife tracking of the Mt.Holly/Shrewsbury wildlife corridor. Also spoke w/him a/b their program to inoculate trees to prevent EAB infestation. Came away from convo uncomfortable with the idea of using 4% solution of Class A chemical. We will not pursue a similar strategy.
4	Bat Boxes	No updates from MRU yet. Chris notes that new batboxes must be hung by March to be ready for returning bats.
5	Photos	Weezie can send along photos for town report if we have any good pics.
6	Soup & Goals	Goals only meeting Monday November 18 at 5:15pm. (not our regular meeting). Ideas already brewing - Energy Day, using grant money for other ideas. Encourage inter-departmental connectivity.
7	Zoning Regs	SCC should be consulted on some of the zoning and development applications that come up in town, as is in line with our commission's official charter. Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Could there be a step in the process to inform SCC of new DRB or zoning permits? Maybe not official, but perhaps we can still be aware and informed to come to public comment if we want to. DRB notices go in Rutland Herald (not Times of Shrewsbury). Zoning permits get tacked up at town hall, where do DRB meeting minutes go? Cynthia is willing to monitor other town orgs for minutes, etc. - needs further discussion. SCC could be more involved with informing the planning commission. ● Weezie made motion to invite DRB rep to our goals-only meeting on 11/18, Cynthia seconded, all in favor. ● What goes into identifying new forest blocs? How defined and how applied? Laura states it is state defined and mapped.

		<p>Forest preserves are town owned but we may not have that. Unclear language should be fixed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is logging monitored? Even when there is a permit? • Cynthia noticed some very old maps in Zoning regs. 1989, 2017. We know more current overlay maps exist. Maps referenced in zoning regs should be updated. Who will help make the data and maps have meaning? • Weezie shared some ideas that are her personal suggestions and not representative of the SCC. • 103.I: how are adequate public facilities defined? Do we have accessible parks, or open spaces like picnic areas? • Difference between preservation district and overlay zone = a zone can lay over a district. • How is "limited access to public roads" defined? • Discussion needs to be continued at February meeting.
	New Business	Carrie will contact town admin to get the town Google Meet info
	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: February 4, 2025 • Time: 5:15 PM • Location: Google Meet
	Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Michelle • Seconded by Chris • All approved.

Minutes Prepared By:

- Carrie Clancy 11/5/2024

- Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission