

Unapproved Meeting Minutes
 Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
 February 4, 2025; 5:15 PM; Google Meet
 Meeting called to order at 5:19 pm

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

Absent: Pam Darrow,

Members of the Public:

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	November 2024 Minutes	November 2024 meeting minutes approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Weezie ● Seconded by Linda ● All others approved.
2	Financials	Chris updated Reserve fund as of 12/31 \$3150.12 Assn VT Conservation Commissions (AVCC) dues \$50 have been paid Linda made motion to approve Cynthia seconded All in favor. Budget \$1250 remains. \$50 will be paid to Times of Shrewsbury (we contribute this amount annually) Chris made motion to approve Weezie seconded All in favor. Weezie makes motion to increase 2025 SCC budget request to be \$1300. Chris seconds, all approve.
3	Town Email Account & Document Storage	Michelle indicated interest to Laura Black for SCC to possible take advantage of this. Laura is at: admin@shrewsburyvt.org Laura could make us an email acct and also share some document file space. Cost would be \$14 monthly fee per user. Chris asked Michelle to ask Laura more about the reason for the cost. Michelle takes this action item. We are using the town google meet right now. \$14 monthly fee per user could possibly be covered by communication line item in town budget, need to request selectboard approval if we ever decide to move forward Michelle will send out email name possibilities to so we are ready with an email address idea in case we do decide to move ahead
4	Appointments	SCC Officers: Chris, Carrie, Linda, Michelle, Cynthia are all approaching the end of 4-year terms, all agreed to stay on and renew terms. Weezie will tell

		<p>selectboard that Linda and Cynthia will serve three-year terms so that we can better stagger term expirations in the future.</p> <p>Green Up Day Coordinator: 1-year appointment, Connie Youngstrom</p>
5	Soup & Goals Meeting Recap	Weezie re-read the list of goals that was previously shared. Will present to members via email.
6	Zoning Regs	Weezie wants one person to team with her to come up with some questions and comments to pass along to the Planning Commission. Cynthia will do this.
7	Class 4 Roads	Selectboard minutes reflect that the policy has been adopted. Weezie will obtain a copy of it to share with the team.
8	Walks and Talks	<p>Weezie suggested that a winter walk and talk at Jakobsen's would be popular. Linda thinks that next winter would be better for her schedule to plan that with Jakobsen.</p> <p>May 16 - rodenticide talk at the library - effects on fisher and other VT wildlife. Connie wonders if Weezie wants to ask Frank Wolf, exterminator in Shrewsbury to weigh in. Weezie wants \$75 to print long term posters and brochures for the rodenticide event. Linda moves to approve, Cynthia seconds, all approve.</p> <p>Aug 30 - Meg Madden wants to return for a mushroom walk \$300 fee. Chris moves to approve the cost, Linda seconds. All approve.</p> <p>Weezie suggested that we hold an energy fair in the fall, maybe connecting with Davis Terrell on this. She shared ideas for the type of info that could be shared at such an event, based on what she knows about a similar fair held in Mt Holly recently. Cynthia suggests that it is a big project and maybe we can do it in a future year or in coordination with another town, such as Wallingford. Michelle agrees and wants more specifics, maybe some people to share tasks.</p> <p>Connie wants a house tour of Gibson's zero-energy house led by an energy contractor.</p>
9	Wildlife Tracking Project	Linda says the project is successful so far this winter, more winter and tracking to be done.
10	Pollinator Garden	<p>Parcel near Pierce's - no updates from Pam.</p> <p>Mike from Bee the Change eager to speak with SCC - Connie has been in communication with him. He does not require a solar field. He prefers an acre but could work with less. Let's first secure the location and let's get going because Mike seems eager to help. Connie and Pam will go speak w/landowner that might be willing to host. Chris reminds us that we need access to watering and questioned who from SCC would be responsible for upkeep of the garden, which might influence the size. Cynthia suggests partnering with SAGE.</p>
11	Bat Boxes	Shared info from MRU about the batboxes with Chris. She is looking for a maternity batbox instead. But what about offering them to other people? Will ask how many the class could make and then maybe we

		would offer them for sale for the cost of materials. Connie and Michelle suggest pairing batbox sales with a bat walk and talk. Weezie moves to authorize \$35 for Carrie to procure a sample batbox to be displayed at Greenup day and raffled for prize. Michelle seconds, all approve.
12	New Business	Carrie made a motion that Michhele Greene will become co-chair of SCC along with Weezie Duda. Linda seconds, all approved. Is there interest in a master naturalist program course in our section of VT? Weezie will contact Alicia Daniels to ask about this.
	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date: March 4, 2025 ● Time: 5:15 PM ● Location: Google Meet
	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Michelle ● Seconded by Weezie ● All approved.

Minutes Prepared By:

- Carrie Clancy 2/4/2024

- Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission