

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
February 11, 2025
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 7:10
Attendees: Laura Black, Conner Self, and Melissa Reichert.
Gretchen Gould as member of the public and potential new Shrewsbury Planning Commission member.
2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision
Agenda approved as presented.
3. Acceptance of meeting minutes of January 14, 2024
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
4. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)
Laura reported on Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) progress on the update of the Regional Plan. RRPC is going to meet with every town to discuss future land use maps.
5. Request appointment of new member, and re-appointments by Selectboard.
Laura is going to request that the Selectboard appoint Grethen Gould to the SPC and reappoint Melissa Reichert to the SPC. We went around and shared our backgrounds.
6. Review Community Values Mapping consolidations
 - discuss Laura's questions and notes from December 10 meeting

We started to review Laura's notes on Community value Mapping Consolidation by mapping topic.

Vulnerable Lands

- Most marked Cuttingsville – Mill River – we believe this is due to flooding
- A lot of marks on Cold River too – we believe this is due to flooding.
- Nearly the entire state and federal lands are circled by T-8 – this may be due tyo logging on the state lands
- T-2 circled very large area around Lincoln hill, Mitchell and Lottery. Meaning – this was probably due to development potential and that it is considered very scenic

Recreation

- Every table marked the AT – Use the Actual Appalachian Trail/Long Trail boundary.
- Many marked Spring Lake – there are many trails around Spring Lake that the public can use
- Many marked the WMgmt area – use the actual Wildlife Management Area boundary
- Many marked the Old Plymouth rd trails – Use the Coolidge State Forest, Plymsbury Wildlife Management Area and Jeffords State Forest boundaries. Add the trails on public lands
- One circled the entire Plymouth state forest. How do we want to show? – see above
Show Lottery Road as one mark due to its use for walking.

Working Landscapes

- Take a look at the markups compared to the area I mention on the Commercial value. Now I see they are the same – It seems a lot of areas were marked for sugaring. There was a question about the large area marked south of 103.

Natural-Wildlife areas

There is a crossing for amphibians from Keiffer Road to Cooks and Johnson ponds

7. Town Plan revision strategy
8. To do list review – same list as before
 - Scenic Resources - Melissa
 - Town Plan Maps discussion - Conner
 - Meadowlands review - Ryan

Next meeting February 25, 2025

9. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date