

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

January 10, 2023

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Shrewsbury Town Office

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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, and Melissa Reichert

2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision

Agenda approved as presented.

3. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)

The Regional Plan is due for an update and they are starting to get organized.

Laura is going to get a card to send to Margery Salmon with our sympathies about Gary's passing.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of December 27, 2022

Minutes were accepted as written.

5. The PC year-end report for the 2022 Annual Report progress report.

Laura suggested some edits and will get back to Ryan about the changes:

Reichert spelling needs correcting

After two public hearings, this bylaw was **and (delete)** unanimously approved by the Selectboard in November 2022. The updates to this bylaw...

Emergency **and (delete)** Relief **and Assistance (add)** Funds from ...

6. – Community Value Mapping and relationship to Town Plan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rm3re4EWEJ8>

The Webinar identified a 5 step process for forest Integrity planning. Laura and Melissa reviewed and discussed their notes from the webinar:

Step 1: Print a forest block map out of biofinder that also shows roads streams etc. MWE also melissa will try to create a map. We need to get the areas that are being surveyed for wildlife crossings and the tree inventory adds information to potential crossing and cover areas.

Step 2: Identify community values and engage the public – It is important to strike a balance and find commonality. Try to go to places that are not the usual places to engage the public.

When doing the community value mapping people can circle the places that matter to them.

Melissa and Laura will start making a list of examples for next meeting.

Step 3: Identify community goals and policies – Identify tangible actions and what the tools are that will be used to reach the goals and implement the policies. It is important to identify the problem that you are trying to solve – be specific.

Step 4: Create your future land use map and policies – one of the examples used was the Shrewsbury Town Plan land Use Map. Use the blocks and connectors and engage as many different groups as possible. Do things that are achievable.

Step 5: Implementation and actions – use both regulatory and non-regulatory approaches. Zoning and subdivision regulations, educational workshops, walks in the woods, etc. Prioritize actions and create timeframes. Hinesburg Town plan has an implementation chapter. Melissa noted this is something she has wanted to get to doing.

7. Scenic Resources

This is connected to the Community value mapping but also has some landscape architecture technical aspects with which Melissa can help. Table to next meeting

8. Town Plan Maps discussion

Tabled to next meeting

9. To do list review

- Town Plan Census changes – Melissa noted she has started working on this and has a link to the US Census data.
<https://data.census.gov/all?q=Shrewsbury+Vermont>
- Meadowlands review – tabled to next meeting.

10. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date