

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

November 22, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Shrewsbury Town Office

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7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Open to public input. No public present.

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)
Laura shared that her email correspondence with Ed Bove confirmed that he will be attending the Dec 13th meeting. Laura noted that the several recent webinars offered by VT Fish & Wildlife are on their YouTube channel; Laura will send links of the recent webinars (usually Jens Hilke presenting).
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of November 8, 2022
Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022 were accepted as written.
5. Preparation of final Flood Hazard and River Corridor Regulations and Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
Laura created and sent Flood Haz Area & River Corridor title page with place for signature and enactment process wording. Laura will create same for the USZ Regs and email to Melissa. Melissa will continue formatting edits of the USZ regs before sending to all for review. We agreed that both regs will have the identifying title in the footer, not the header. Laura will finish the final Flood Hazard Area & River Corridor Regs document and make pdf document.
Both documents will be made into pdf and sent to Town Clerk for Selectboard signature, filing and posting on website. Both documents will be sent to Rutland Regional Planning Commission and to Dept of Housing and Community Development.
6. Review Maps for Zoning and Town Plan for changes and consolidation.
Delete Aerial Map (not legible nor necessary). Delete Contour Map because they shown on other maps. We reviewed 24 VSA Chapter 117 §4382(2) a land use plan (Town Plan Requirements for maps). We need to review whether Town Plan language addresses information in maps. Need to add forest blocks. Need to update Town Plan maps per recent Zoning changes, and Zoning map changes (high elevation residential district, preservation district, 2300ft contour, steep slope, meadowland, . . .). Transportation maps need to show Trails – State trails (in Coolidge State Forest), AT/LT, for example. We need to review the municipal utility/facility map – locations that we

mentioned adding include: community churches, Historical society, the two federally recognized historic sites (Brown Bridge, Laurel Hall & Mausoleum). Need to show the Shrewsbury designated Emergency Shelter(s). Need to add flood resilient map.

7. Prepare for meeting with Ed Bove from Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Ed Bove confirmed that he will be attending the Dec 13th meeting. Topics to include: Map updates (Town Plan and Zoning). Ask Ed – What towns are using digital overlay maps for aid in zoning? We do not currently have a forest block map; how can we see this overlay on a Shrewsbury map? We reviewed the email that Laura sent to Ed, as follows:

- Looking at map updates (Steve did a really nice update on the zoning map) - we need Town plan map updates and we want to eliminate the redundancies between Town Plan and Zoning maps. (we realize that we don't need the same maps in both documents). We are looking at the VT statute requirements for TP maps.

- Meadowlands- we will be looking at the TP/zoning/subdivision language with an eye to forest block protections, solar site locations, carbon sequestration, preservation of agricultural resources, etc.

- Town Plan census updates (based on the US 2020 census, . . .)

- Later in the year, we may start considering Enhanced Energy planning,

- Look at other important means to develop zoning/subdiv regs to protect forest blocks, riparian habitat, etc. while allowing coordinated development.

- We have had on our list, "Develop criteria for scenic roads." Maybe we will get to this in '23 or '24.

8. To do list review. We did not review.

9. Adjourned at 8:20PM

Next meeting Dec 13, 2022