

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

**MINUTES**

February 1, 2021

7:30 – 9 p.m.

Meeting will be virtual

**Shrewsbury Planning Commission- first Monday Meeting**

When 7:30pm to 9pm on February 1, 2021 Eastern Time - New York

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7:30 to 7:45 p.m. Open to public input

Following public input:

1. Call to order  
Meeting called to order at 7:45.  
Attendees: Laura Black, Hunter Berryhill, 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).  
Melissa reviewed items in the mail – an application from the State of Vermont for logging in Coolidge State Forest over 2500 feet. Amount logged over 2500 feet is to be 164 acres. Also in the mail, an older application for a solar installation at Spring Lake Ranch. Melissa reported that the Shade Tree Preservation Plan application was submitted. She reported that she contacted John Broker- Campbell regarding the Flood Hazard Bylaw draft submitted to him in early January, and he responded that he is about to review our draft document.

Hunter reported that he had spoken to a professor at Middlebury College, Niwaeli Kimambo, about the Shade Tree Preservation Plan and that she has experience with geotechnology. She is interested in helping with the project as well as possibly having Middlebury students to help with tree inventory. We would need to inform her of potential timing.

Hunter has set up a gmail account for the Shrewsbury Planning Commission at [shrewsburytpc@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburytpc@gmail.com). The meetings will be hosted on this account in Google meet instead of using anyone's personal Google account

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of January 18, 2021.  
Minutes accepted as written.

5. Potential new SPC members update

Hunter has sent an email to a potential member but no response yet. We also discussed other potential members.

6. Zoning and Subdivision changes:

a. high elevation district

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b. Access for year-round residences

We discussed the document Melissa pulled together on access issues. Some towns do mention that access has to provide for emergency vehicles, and some towns have the DRB review access issues instead of the Selectboard. There is an issue that there are a number of year-round residences on Class 4 roads so any decision could impact these residences – if the town maintains for one residence on a class 4 road or allows an upgrade should it be allowed for others? This is an issue. The town could also decide that it wants to allow upgrades to class 4 roads to encourage new areas for development. This issue should at least be discussed.

c. Permit process for change from camp to year-round residence and definition of camp

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d. Access and curb-cut description and process in subdivision regulations

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e. Boundary line adjustment

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Next meeting February 15.

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Planning Commission, Chair

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Date