

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

June 21, 2021

7:30 – 9 p.m.

Meeting will be held at Shrewsbury Town Office

Shrewsbury Planning Commission- third Monday Meeting

When 7:30pm to 9pm on June 21, 2021 Eastern Time - New York

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

Following public input:

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:55
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).
Laura attended the June Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) meeting. She will become the Shrewsbury representative to the RRPC in July when Aaron Korzun's term is up. She also attended the regional energy meeting on updating energy plans.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of May 17, 2021 and June 7, 2021.
Meeting minutes were accepted as written.
5. Flood Hazard Regs Update
Melissa contacted John Broker-Campbell but he is on vacation until June 25. She will make another attempt when he returns.
6. Selectboard Class 4 Road and Trail Policy Update
There has been no recent movement on this. Other town residents and the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission have been leading this effort. A Class4 road and Trail policy would need to be reflected in the unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations that the SPC would like to get revised this year. It would make sense for the SPC to make the Selectboard aware of this need.
7. Selectboard Highway Ordinance and Standards Update
Laura, Jamie Carrara and Selectboard (Steve Nicholson wrote comments) have been working on a Highway and ROW and Utility Ordinance. The thought is that there should be separate ordinances for snowmobile use, ATV use, speed limits, curb cuts, Utility work in the ROW, and highway standards. Laura wants to get the draft of the Utility Work in the ROW ordinance done first since there is a meeting with GMP in the near future.
8. Shade Tree Plan Update
The Tree Committee is meeting tomorrow June 22. Joanne Garton just received the collaboration agreement we sent in Feb. so she wants to get things going and wants to meet with the committee.
9. GMP project

Mark Youngstrom has contacted GMP as the liaison for the Selectboard. His letter spells out what he believes GMP needs to do to move forward on the project.

10. Elnicki permit with ANR

The state is requiring a 50 riparian buffer but we noted that our zoning requires 100 feet for development from Surface waters. Melissa checked the Town Plan and it is non-specific about the required feet for a setback but does say the setback should be appropriate which has been determined in the zoning. Laura suggested we send a comment letter and we concurred.

11. Shrewsbury Day planning

We should prepare a presentation showing what the Planning Commission does. Hunter suggested a Corn Hole game which he has some of the materials needed for the game. We want to do something fun to engage people.

12. Zoning and Subdivision changes

The changes we have developed over the last year – boundary line adjustment, high elevation districts, camp definition, Class 4 road and town trail as road frontage, and the revised zoning district boundary descriptions - need to be put into the Unified Zoning and Subdivision change document in Track Changes. Melissa will do the ones that are completed. We still need information on Class 4 roads and Town Trails to be able to make changes around the road frontage. Laura would like to schedule the public hearing for the changes in fall of this year.