

Approved Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday April 13, 2021 5:15 pm
via Google Meets

Connie Youngstrom, Weezie Duda, Chris Clarke, Grace Brigham, Carrie Clancy, Cynthia Thornton, Pam Darrow
Linda Shelvey

1- Review and approval of Agenda

Green up will be discussed earlier than listed on the agenda

2- Review March 2021 Minutes

Connie motioned to approve, Chris seconded. All in favor.

3- Meeting with Jens- Wildlife Corridors

The maps we had been using were from 2017 information from modified VTrans/Planning Commission maps. There were 8 areas that were highlighted.

Linda and Weezie met with Jens about what other towns have done about road crossings. We will discuss this topic further at our May meeting. People will be assigned a road section to monitor over a 3 year period (several times each winter after a snow fall)

Rte 103 culverts are being added to VTrans maps- 6 have good potential for monitoring with game cameras.

Should we add a "mystery" in the Times of Shrewsbury? Yes, this would be fun. Send things to Weezie and she will get it to the Times

Pam is writing an AVCC mini grant for game cameras- due May 1

4- Green Up Day Planning- Saturday, May 1st

8:00 - 10:00 at the Town Hall and 10:00 -12:00 at the Transfer Station

Carrie and Connie have been coming up with ideas for next year's Green Up.

Green Up will be in person at the Town Hall. How do we handle food?

Should we set up spaced tables outside? We proposed to have one of us (Grace) serve food and one of us serve coffee at Green Up. Pam made this motion, Grace seconded. All approved.

Before Green Up-

*Publicity: Front Porch Forum, Shrewsbury website, Betsy's listserv- Weezie will do this.

*Connie is putting up signs and contacting Bert Potter about opening the Transfer Station for Green Up

*Prizes:

We will hand out raffle tickets and give out prizes at the Transfer Station.

Connie will make a cheesecake to raffle.

Chris will get some spring plants and also dump tickets

Carrie will purchase (Staples) and hand out raffle tickets

Weezie will order 2 Dover coloring books (mailed to Chris' house)

During Green Up-

Cynthia will be in charge of the maps, help Pam with the invasive volunteer list, and handing out garbage bags

Pam will be pulling and discussing knotweed at the Town Hall and recruiting invasive team volunteers

Cynthia will pick up doughnuts from Jones' in the morning

As usual, all hands on deck at the Transfer Station

Should we pick up garbage on the East Clarendon Road? Yes- many of us will do this but not on Green Up day. Connie will figure out a time.

5- Invasive Plants

We may order a weed whacker but don't know what type yet. It is hoped that a battery powered one will have sufficient power. Pam and Andy are going to try some out. We will continue to focus on last year's areas. We will put out email blasts to get participants.

We will have a sign up sheet at Green Up. Pam will have a set up at the Town Hall.

6- Gaynor Road

Pam and Peter went to the Select Board meeting. Pam has walked down Gaynor Rd. It is in bad shape. Connie says the landowner is now driving up from Rte. 103, but the water bars are failing and the lower road is in bad shape. Select Board decided to continue the reclassification process for the lower part of the road, but this will not preclude vehicular traffic. The

Planning Commission is continuing to work on this. Weezie will talk to the Planning Commission.

7- May Nauralist Walk – future Walks and Talks?

These are on hold until July.

8- Financial Report

nothing has changed since last month

9- Other Business

SCC has been asked to give an presentation on Sept 25 at the Town Hall by the Vermont Coverts group

Meeting adjourned:

Pam motioned, Chris seconded.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021