

Approved SCC Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022 Virtual Meeting at 5:15 pm

In attendance:

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

Review Minutes from March 2022 meeting:

Minutes approved.

Financials update:

\$100 spent for AVCC dues and Times donation

Youth Membership:

Enthusiatic interest. Discussion about role, potential liability, selection, age.

Davis Rudisill, Carrie's son, is interested and will be offered this position as a trial.

Green Up:

Connie shared her to-do list. We reviewed the list and assigned tasks.

Transfer Station encourages people turn in Green Up garbage in green bags on Green Up Day, but will accept garbage in green bags up to a week after the event.

Paul will screen tires that get brought in so that we don't get "garage clean out" tires.

Goals for 2022-23

(see GOALS 2022 below)

Meeting Adjourned: 7 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10 @ 5:15, 450 Frank Lord Rd.

SCC Goals for 2022 -2023

The umbrella overlooking all activities is our desire to have more awareness of Shrewsbury's natural resources and an understanding of how we can best protect them, as well as initiate more communication with the Selectboard and Planning Commission on activities undertaken. (from 2016 goals)

Continuation of ongoing projects:

- Continued communication with Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Road Commissioner

- Green Up
 1. Involve the school early next year – December
 2. Invite a Youth Member to be involved
 3. Possible targeting of old dumps on private property, which would mean discussions ahead with land owners

- Invasive Control
 1. Assess effectiveness of methods and targeted invasives

- Wildlife Road Crossing Project
 1. Continue gathering data
 2. Outline our next steps – refine roads earmarked? Examine Kieffer Road Corridor further? review possible current overlay map changes?
 3. Involve Jens in analyzing our current first year efforts
 4. Evaluate our Town Plan/Zoning to tighten up language if needed on conserving wildlife corridors

- Encouraging Selectboard to adopt a comprehensive policy for Class 4 Road Usage and designation.

- Walks and Talks – EAB education, Plastic/recycling education, Walk Class 4 roads, possible carbon sequestration program

New Projects to take on

1. Coordination with Gary Salmon regarding plans to deal with emerald ash borer. Educational for homeowners .Cynthia will spearhead investigation on ways to both inform residents of possible controls/treatments as well as encourage the Selectboard to have a plan to deal with EAB damage.

2. Set up an SCC email account and transfer old vtzippity emails files to it

3. Pam and Connie will investigate the design and placement of an educational garden that incorporates the Pollinator Project as well as features wildlife friendly shrubs and trees that provides food for wildlife and perhaps a healthier riparian area in a yet to be determined public area. (Pierce's)

4. Invite Davis Rudisill to be an honorary Junior SCC member to help us with Green Up, Invasives, and Wildlife Citizen Scientist activities and perhaps help the SCC have more voice within the Mt School.

5. Weezie will explore whether the new Energy Commission would be interested in Window Dressers – a winterization energy saving community project and how our groups might work together on this community-based project.

Items not selected this year:

Set up a Conservation Fund

Raise awareness of the environmental impact of people off roading where they shouldn't, install barriers, and increase enforcement.