

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

September 27, 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

Following public input:

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:07

Attendees: Laura Black, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp 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 sent emails about the Association of Vermont Conservation Commission webinars and a conference. Laura reported on Rutland Regional Commissioners meeting. They discussed the lack of public information on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. There is an application for a communications tower in Ira and it does not seem to supply services for the public.

ED Bove contacted Laura with comments on some corrections in the Draft Unified Zoning and Subdivision regulations that relate to some changes in the statutes about subdivision plat filing requirements. Laura suggested we make the changes for the public hearing and provide copies of the changes at the hearing. He also mentioned that the language on merger of small lots in the statute 24 VSA 4412 (2) provides that the small lots may be required to be merged but do not have to be merged. We voted to keep the language in Section 521 as it is written. Ed Bove also suggested he come meet us and we can discuss revising the Town Plan with him. Laura suggested that we start looking at other Town Plans for ideas.

Ryan sent a link to the Vermont Climate Assessment and thought the executive summary was good.

Melissa reported the Tree committee is back doing the inventory.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of September 13, 2022

September 13, 2022 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

5. Review Zoning map revisions.

Maps look good. Melissa will contact Steve Schild about getting large copies of the Zoning and the NR1 and NR2 maps, and a set of all the zoning maps at 11x17 with the date 2022.

6. Prepare for public hearings October 11, 2022 and Planning Commission meeting following the public hearing.

We should be there at 5:30 for set up. Melissa will take care of the maps. Laura will bring copies of the reports. She will ask Megan to make 2 copies of the bylaws. We discussed roles at the hearing. Laura will moderate as the chair and open the meeting. Laura will answer questions and Melissa will help with Flood Hazard Bylaw. Laura will make an agenda for herself. The Unified Zoning and Subdivision discussion is on the changes to the bylaw not the entire bylaw. Melissa will be taking notes on the computer and suggested we provide paper or cards for people to write their comments.

After the public hearing we need to decide if we can go ahead with the bylaws and submit them to the Selectboard or if we need to make changes. Melissa will do an agenda for the next meeting for Oct 11 for a 8 Pm at the Meeting House.

7. To do for 2022-23.
 - Town Plan Census changes
 - Review Maps for Zoning and Town Plan for changes and consolidation
 - Shade Tree Preservation Plan
 - Meadowlands review
 - Enhanced Energy Plan
 - Community Values Mapping with Fish and Wildlife – how does this relate to our town plan update
8. Adjourn

Next meeting October 11 after public hearings

Planning Commission, Chair

Date