

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

March 28, 2023

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 7:08

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 reported there are Flood Hazard grants available for a number of items. Laura will forward to Shrewsbury Planning Commission (SPC) members. Laura has a couple of people who might be interested in being on the SPC. Ryan contacted Mark Youngstrom and offered to be the alternate for the Development Review Board. Ryan asked about the Webinar on Subdivision and Forest Fragmentation. Laura reported on her notes from the webinar. One of the topics was using density instead of lot size for zoning. We also discussed the difference between forest blocks and habitat blocks. We discussed the difficulties in providing increased densities for housing without public water and sewer lines. Melissa brought up the need for a new tree warden and that the Shade Tree Preservation committee will be getting back together to discuss this in the spring.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of February 28, 2023

Minutes were accepted as written.

5. Community Value Mapping problem identification and concept development

Melissa reviewed the list of ideas for community values mapping. Laura suggested we add economic resources.

6. Planning Commission mapping exercise preparation – we will table to the next meeting when we will devote the meeting to the exercise using the list of ideas as a basis.

7. Scenic Resources

Melissa presented her Scenic Resources Overview, and how a scenic inventory and analysis could be organized. She used information on distance zones from the US Forest Service and also landscape elements from the East Montpelier Scenic Resources Town Plan section, as well as other elements that Melissa has used before. Melissa pointed out that much of the middleground and background

areas seen from the roads in Shrewsbury are already largely protected in the Preservation and High Elevation Residential Zones. The East Montpelier Town Plan Section is a good place to start review. The 2011 Scenic Study is also a good document to review. Melissa will add the Scenery management System document from the US Forest Service to the Scenic Resources folder on Dropbox.

8. To do list review
 - Scenic Resources
 - Town Plan Maps discussion
 - Town Plan Census changes
 - Meadowlands review
9. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date