

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
May 23, 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 7:07

Attendees: Laura Black, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, and Melissa Reichert
Conner Self came as an interested member of the public.

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 on Rutland Regional planning Commission – the Hazard Mitigation Plan is going to require more community engagement. The Shrewsbury Hazard Mitigation Plan is on the town website.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of May 9, 2023

Minutes were accepted as written.

5. Planning Commission mapping exercise

Ryan gave an overview of the reason for a Community Value Mapping exercise including providing information for the future Town Plan. Melissa explained that idea came from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Laura has not contacted Jens recently, we were going to contact him about going to another Town's mapping exercise. She is also going to ask him about working with us on this next year.

One question is how many maps to have 3, 4 or 5. They need to be large size.

Laura passed out a revised version of the ideas for community mapping with additional topics.

Potential map groupings –

- Historical , cultural, important community facilities, scenic roads and areas. Possibly recreation, economic resources.
- Wildlife areas, avian, hunting and fishing areas, possibly ecologically features and climate change mitigation
- Forest areas, shade trees, Ecological, Water features, possibly working landscapes, flood hazard areas, and climate mitigation,

Laura thinks that residential solar is mapped and will look into where this exists. We do not have the electric lines mapped in the Town Plan. It would be good to have these on a map for the exercise. Melissa will bring maps with the powerlines to the next meeting.

What about looking at Shrewsbury with respect to neighboring towns. We could include a map showing the surrounding towns.

The maps should have the information that is already on the Town Plan maps.

6. Community Value Mapping problem identification and concept development – no direct discussion tonight.

7. To do list review
 - Scenic Resources
 - Town Plan Maps discussion – discuss at next meeting along with Zoning maps
 - Town Plan Census changes – Melissa will follow-up with Ed Bove before next meeting
 - Meadowlands review

8. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date

IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY VALUES MAPPING

1. Besides your home, what is your favorite place in Shrewsbury and why?
2. Historical/cultural – buildings, cemeteries, old foundations, stone walls, museums
3. Significant for the community
4. Specific scenic roads and areas
5. Working Landscapes – agricultural and forestry
6. Wildlife – dens, corridors, feeding areas
7. Avian – nesting, feeding areas, migratory areas
8. Recreation – trails, summits, places with views. playing fields
9. Hunting and fishing
10. Water features – waterfalls, streams with ripples and pools, vernal pools, wetlands, lakes and ponds
11. Forests and shade trees – significant forest areas, known large trees, important roadside trees
12. Ecological – unusual plants and natural communities, mushrooms, areas with invasives
13. Climate change mitigation – carbon sequestration
14. Working Economy – economic resources
15. Vulnerable lands