

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

June 13, 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 7:04

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 brought up the trainings – Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) Planning and Zoning tomorrow and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Open Meeting Law Training June 14 at 6 pm an RSVP is requested. Rutland Regional Planning Commission sent out a newsletter which was informative. Laura asked Nic Stark to make a new Forest Block map for the next meeting. Laura passed out copies of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for us to review. The Class 4 road Committee is reconvening on Thurs. June 16 to review the status of the report sent to the Selectboard and discuss next steps.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of May 23, 2023

Minutes were accepted as written.

5. Town Plan Maps and Zoning Maps review

We discussed VSA 24 Ch 117 §4382 requirement D in the map requirements for Forest Blocks and habitat connections and thought they would be good on one map. We need a flood hazard and fluvial erosion hazard map, and the transportation amp needs to show trails. We should look at other town plans and see how they group their map elements.

6. Solar Map information review

Laura sent out links to Solar information on roof and ground mounted units for Shrewsbury. It would be good to get the figures on renewable energy generation for the Town.

Vermont Geographic Information Center:

<https://geodata.vermont.gov/datasets/VCGI::vt-renewable-energy-sites-solar/explore?location=43.487724%2C-72.828062%2C13.72>

Green Mountain Power:

<https://gmp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4eaec2b58c4c4820b24c408a95ee8956>

Community Energy Dashboard - an organization that shows great information, but its inaccurate; mostly in terms of addresses!

<https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/energy-atlas>

7. Community Value Mapping response from Jens Hilke

Jens Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, is coming to the next meeting. Laura wants to ask Jens about other towns that are doing the Community Values Mapping. What is the process for the meeting, how did other towns go about setting up the meeting and structuring the meeting. Is it different in different towns or is the set-up fairly consistent. We want to review the maps that we are thinking of grouping together and find out what base maps are best to use. Who is creating the maps for the meetings. Laura will make a Community Values folder in Dropbox.

8. Plan for next meeting before summer break

Laura will continue to send out information. The break is an opportunity to review some things like the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

9. To do list review

- Scenic Resources
- Town Plan Maps discussion - above
- Town Plan Census changes – update

Melissa had a Zoom meeting with Ed Bove, RRPC, to discuss the Census data and the problems she has run into with updating the numbers. Ed Bove is having many of the same problems and some of the 2020 Census data has not been released yet. RRPC is hiring the Vermont Finance Housing Agency (VFHA) to update the census data for the Rutland region including all the towns. Shrewsbury has been selected along with Brandon and Chittenden for a deep dive into data to be obtained by VFHA. This will help with our revision of the census data for the Town Plan.

- Meadowlands review – tabled

10. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date

