

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

June 27, 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 7:06

Attendees: Laura Black, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, and Melissa Reichert

Jens Hilke from Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife

Conner Self came as an interested member of the public.

2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision

Agenda changed to move rounds and acceptance of meeting minutes to after meeting with Jens Hilke.

3. Meeting with Jens Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife on Community Value Mapping

We discussed what the goals of a Community Mapping project would be for the Shrewsbury Planning Commission. Goals mentioned included engagement of the community and getting more information for the Town Plan. It is an opportunity for a gut check for the Planning Commission and the public's perceptions. It is good to think of the value groups as a group of people such as recreation and recreation groups. Jens explained the process and showed the base maps he has been using. The process can be done on line with Miro.com. Each group has a facilitator – in person mapping would be groups of 8-12 for Zoom the group size is 4-6 in Zoom break out rooms. Fewer people are better in the groups on Zoom because often people are hesitant to do the mapping on the computer and need guidance. There is a facilitator's guide that Jens will send us. Jens would do a Miro training for us. The base map is the Satellite imagery. It is good to have an in-person opportunity and then follow-up with the Miro Zoom meeting for others who cannot make an in-person meeting. Jens suggested the less discussion at the beginning of the meeting the better. Just do a brief introduction and explain what the different values are. Have a mapping exercise for facilitators so they know what to say to advertise the event and to get people to come. Do small group presentations at the end of the meeting and then tell the public next steps which are to digitize the mapping products and generate a report. Each team's maps get digitized and then these digitized maps can be overlaid with other information in GIS. Jens is going to send us a folder with all the information he has used and presented. The information informs the planning process, helps to understand what people care about. Bill Hegman at Middlebury College might have students that could be interns for the digitizing. Jens suggests 3 months for advertising. We will start planning for Community Value mapping in September.

4. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)

No rounds tonight.

5. Acceptance of meeting minutes of June 13, 2023
Minutes were accepted as written.

6. To do list review - tabled
- Scenic Resources
 - Town Plan Maps discussion
 - Town Plan Census changes
 - Meadowlands review

Next meeting September 12

7. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date