Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Minutes 7-3-23 450 Frank Lord Rd. 5:15 pm

Weezie Duda, Chris Clarke, Cynthia Thornton, Pam Darrow, Linda Shelvey, Peter Grace

1- June 2023 Minutes

June minutes approved. Linda motioned, Peter seconded- all approved

2- Treasurer's Report

\$239.63 remains in budget

Discussion of anticipated 2023 expenses- Wildlife Tracking Gathering

3- Walks and Talks

Review of fern walk- very informative, especially the systematic method taught to help identify fern types

Joann Russo- (no fee) moths, - at Meeting House August 11 (12th raindate)

Meg Madden- Sept. 2- mushrooms

4- Class 4 Road Group update

recent observations of Gaynor Rd

Class 4 Rd. group will attend 7/5/23 Select Board meeting 7/5/23 to continue with this project

5- Invasives

chervil, wall lettuce, garlic mustard

review of areas that have been worked

Poison Parsnip is flowering. Discussion of areas around Town that need focus. Discussion of invasives in sand spread by Town vehicles. We will post a query on AVCC site to get input from other towns regarding this matter.

6- Gary's Grove Update

Cynthia and Pam let Margery Salmon know our progress.

7- Welcome Bags

Weezie has list of new property owners of > 27.5 acres

Those SCC members interested will meet soon to work on this.

8- Wildlife Management Area update

Cynthia reported her observations from a recent walk in the WMA. She also reported her observations in an email Joel Fleweling but has not heard back. The logging on ongoing. The road is wider and compacted. Evidence of vehicle use.

9- New Business

Shrewsbury Day- discussion of potential ideas. Focus on Wildlife Tracking project.

Carrie was voted in as new SCC secretary. Weezie motioned, Chris seconded- all approved.

Linda showed a calendar using her wildlife photos. Discussion of its use as a fund raiser. Linda will work up a draft and proposal for this project for next month's meeting.

Michelle Green is interested in joining the SCC, since Andy Richards-Peele has tendered his resignation. Weezie will contact the Select Board.

Linda has sent the Wildlife Tracking project data to Jens Hilke. Michelle compiled copious data from this tracking year.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 pm Chris motioned, Weezie seconded. All approved. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 5:15 at 450 Frank Lord Rd.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Thornton