

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Minutes 8.1.2023
450 Frank Lord Road; 5:15 pm

In attendance: Weezie Duda, Chris Clarke, Carrie Clancy, Cynthia Thornton, Linda Shelvey, Pam Darrow, Connie Youngstrom, Michelle Greene

1 - **Welcome Bags** Weezie Duda thanked officers for meeting with Lisa earlier today to review SCC welcome bags. Landowners with 27.5+ acres who purchased since 2020 will receive letter, notice will also be placed in Times of Shrewsbury. Weezie is seeking short-term solutions for printing SCC welcome letters.

2 - **July 2023 Minutes** Cynthia moved to approve minutes, Linda seconded, all approved

3 - **Financials** - no discussion because treasurer computer is broken

4 - **Walks and Talks**

- August 11 at Meeting House - Moths with JoAnn Russo - no fee, plan to attend and participate in potluck.
- September 2 - mushroom walk
- Possible October walk at Connelly Pond - still being planned by Weezie
- Suggestions for future events: how climate change impacts Shrewsbury, how storms affect rivers, storm resilience, erosion, restoring waterways and floodplains for flood resilience, Alexandra Kosiba, Jane Lazorchak were suggested

5 - **Invasives**

Close to end of poison parsnip season, loosestrife is coming on, discussion of who is available to pull, and areas that still need work, Pam getting fewer volunteers.

6 - **Gary's Grove Update** need to be careful of cutting area, needs mowing once per year for now, some neighbors have volunteered their mowers, plus 3 more volunteers, Connie will email volunteers to pick date in Aug or Sept to do the work. Need to evaluate next steps after that.

7 - **New Business**

- **Calendar fundraiser** - to fund walks and talks. Linda ordered a sample, will be available at next meeting for us to view, pricing will probably be best before holidays.
- **New Member** - welcome to Michelle Greene, newest SCC member appointed by Selectboard

Meeting adjourned 6:16, Linda moved to adjourn, Connie seconded, all approved.

Next meeting Tuesday September 5, 2023; 5:15 pm 450 Frank Lord Road