

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

November 28, 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 7:08

Attendees: Laura Black, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, Connor Self, and Melissa Reichert

2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision

Agenda approved as presented

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

Connor looked at the Change of Use Permit and Application and was wondering about whether it should be for permitted uses or conditional uses. It was suggested that the application form could include the change of use list table in the Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Adrienne had said she was going to create a proposed Change of Use Permit Application. Connor will follow-up with Adrienne on the Change of Use Application.

Ryan brought up that Seven Days had an article about wind power and towns in Southern Vermont that had enhanced energy plans and do not want wind power located in the town. Ryan will send the article out.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of November 14, 2023

Minutes were accepted as written.

5. Class 4 road policy

We reviewed Laura's edits from our comments at the last meeting. Melissa brought up some concerns on the Improvements section under #3 related to stone walls and trees in the right of way. Laura will change the "shall not" language in these items. Laura will check on ATV and Snowmobile use legalities on Town Trails. She suggested that the Selectboard can make that trails open unless posted closed to Snowmobiles and ATVs. We discussed the difference between improving and maintaining Class 4 roads. Laura will talk to Jamie about the road improvement section. Melissa suggested adding discontinuance and alteration to #3 in Change of Classification. She suggested that #4. is misleading. Laura is going to quote the statute and revise this section. 4a. may not be needed. We discussed revising Change of Classification #6 but decided to delete it. Laura is going to add the criteria developed by the Class 4 road committee. We will start with New Structures and Subdivisions at the next meeting.

6. Census data

Melissa reviewed the changes made to the Census data sections and asked for feedback at the next meeting.

7. Community Values Mapping project

A folder has been made in Dropbox with Community Value Mapping information. Laura suggested we read the publication from VT Fish and Wildlife for the next meeting.

8. To do list review – same list as before

- Scenic Resources
- Town Plan Maps discussion
- Meadowlands review

Next meeting December 12

9. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date