

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

January 9, 2024

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting was be virtual

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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, 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)
Adrienne sent an email requesting the some of the Planning Commission to come to a meeting regarding the setback for surface waters and wetlands. The date of the meeting is January 25. Conner, Laura and Melissa can all make it. We discussed the history of the setbacks and the documents that describe the benefits. We are not sure if we are meeting with just the DRB and Adrienne or if the applicant will be there as well. Melissa will look for some of the documentation that she has read.

We discussed Rutland Regional Planning Commission's (RRPC) survey for the Regional Plan revision.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of December 12, 2023
Minutes were accepted as written.
5. Annual Town Report
We reviewed the draft Town Report. We agreed on a few edits. Laura will finish the report and send it in to the Auditors.
6. Class 4 road policy

We reviewed Laura's latest edits and the proposed revisions to the Unified Zoning and Subdivision regulations. Melissa suggested we may need to include Commercial enterprises along with residences and we should define full-time – using the camp definition in the Wastewater definition. Under Change in Classification #3 should have discontinuation added. #4 is misleading and we agreed to delete it. Laura is going to add some more of the statutory language.

7. Census data

We reviewed the census revisions and made minor edits. There was a question if we should revise the Town Plan soon to include these changes or if we should wait. Laura will ask RRPC.

8. Community Values Mapping project

Ryan emailed suggestions:

- At tonight's meeting, let's create a very rough draft for an advertising plan. The 2012 community values event was advertised with sandwich boards and a flier to every resident in town (and of course The Times). I'm wondering if there are Shrewsbury facebook groups that might be posted in? Communication to other town organizations (outing club, sno-birds, fire department...) Betsy Jesser's email list. Front porch forum. Let's make a rough timeline for these and other advertising ideas.
- Do we want to commit to the additional project of an online forum? I'm not drawn to it and would rather see us do an A+ job with an in-person event, but I don't feel strongly against it if someone wants to take that on.
- Have we committed to a date yet? Other event details that we should consider early on? I like the idea of having it be over dinnertime and ordering pizzas for it, but I suppose it might be tricky to estimate the amount of pizza to get...
- I'd like to see us be able to have a clear and concise explanation of what the event is, why we are doing the event, and what the final outcome will be. Maybe brainstorming some ideas during the meeting for one of us to write a little something up. I think it will be important, since there was a similar but different event in 2012. Why are we doing this, what do we hope to get from it, and why is that important?

Melissa volunteered to develop a workplan/task list. We need to finalize the list of topics, and a date. Contacting Grace Bringham to develop a poster was suggested. Date would be between April 23 to 30th. Look at other towns to determine how long is needed.

Laura will develop a concise statement of reason for having the Community Value Mapping.

9. To do list review – same list as before

- Scenic Resources
- Town Plan Maps discussion
- Meadowlands review

Next meeting January 23

10. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date