

Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

February 6, 2024; 5:15 PM; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fhy-cqag-tpz>

Attendees: Michelle Greene, Linda Shelvey, Weezie Duda, Carrie Clancy, Cynthia Thornton, Peter Grace, Pam Darrow, Chris Clarke, Connie Youngstrom

Absent:

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	November 2023 Minutes	<p>November 7, 2023 meeting minutes approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion made by Michelle ● Seconded by Cynthia ● All others approved.
2	Financials	<p>Approve AVCC payment. Motion made by Weezie, seconded by Pam, all approved.</p> <p>Approve \$50 to Shrewsbury Times. Motion made by Weezie, seconded by Carrie, all approved.</p> <p>Chris shared 2023 financial report, Feb 2024 financial report.</p>
3	Goals 2024	<p>Reviewed 2024 goals list generated at 11/7/23 meeting. Approve list of goals with one change “Develop a Class 4 Road Policy” to “support the development of a class 4 road policy.” Motion to approve made by Conniem seconded by Chris, all approved.</p>
4	Town Forum	<p>Nobody on meeting has been contacted again by Ryan Fitzbeauchamp since Weezie shared information and SCC names with him.</p>
5	Walks and Talks	<p>2/16 7:00 Invasives preso at library with Travis Hart. Chris will attend to help set up projector and refreshments and chairs. Weezie advised Chris to contact Lisa Sharrow to get instructions to enter library and retrieve projector.</p> <p>3/22 Amphibians preso at library with Luke Groff. Connie will coordinate a follow-up event via email list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TBD on Greene property. “How to preserve habitat on your parcel” with Andrea Shortsleeve, still awaiting reply from AS to find out if she is interested and next steps for planning. Maybe July? ● If Tim Stout hosts another talk at the library, it would be great to get a heads up on dates from him so we don't dpublicbook. ● Hoping to plan a Scavenger hunt walk in May. Linda and Connie are available to plan. Will choose an inspiring location and date. ● Cynthia suggested partnering with another town's SCC to plan a joint event. ● Connie suggested we invite Josef Gorres, a jumping worms expert. She will make initial contact with him.

6	Wildlife Road Crossings	<p>Linda says we are in good shape, lots of coyote and deer, as spring approaches hoping to see more fisher and bobcat. Michelle is compiling data for the 19 total segments Only 2 segments with no tracking data reported (yet)</p> <p>Pam and Chris and Connie will send theirs in to be added to the compilation.</p> <p>Linda attended a tracking event in Cornwall. Got good tips for tracking and how others are setting up tracking surveys. For example Cornwall is using iNaturalist.</p> <p>Will Linda be attending a selectboard meeting with some trackers to keep them in the loop about tracking? Linda wants to delegate to Michelle and Cynthia.</p>
7	Leadership Training	Cynthia is going to begin this training tonight.
8	Act 59	<p>Cynthia also spoke about a different meeting she attended. Zoning response to Act 59, VT conservation strategy initiative, there will be an inventory report this summer, attempting to conserve 30% VT lands by 2030, currently at about 25%, data will be compiled and shared with conservation commissions but it is yet not known how.</p> <p>Weezie remembered that we should continue to always be looking at the Planning Commission meeting minutes.</p>
9	Invasives	No updates from Pam
10	RRPC Request	Should we bring anything to the attention of the RRPC? Weezie initially asked for our feedback via email. So far Weezie is sharing concerns about invasives.
11	After School Program	Linda leading a small group of SCC members to lead a program at SMS after school program on Feb 8th. Those SCC members have been in touch to sort out the details.
12	Welcome Bags	Resume in spring after Weezie returns
13	New Business	<p>Cynthia pls send TY note to donor if haven't already</p> <p>Do we want to write another Tiny Grant? No need for cameras. Maybe future grant idea would be wood for another bluebird box event?</p> <p>Plan pollinator project and apply for tiny grant for that?</p> <p>FPF can accept photos now if we want to use it to promote wildlife crossing project.</p>
	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date: March 5, 2024 ● Time: 5:15 PM ● Location: Google Meet

	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion made by Chris● Seconded by Peter● All approved.
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Minutes Prepared By:

- Carrie Clancy 2/6/2024

- Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission