

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

February 27, 2024

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 7:05

Attendees: Laura Black, Connor Self, and Melissa Reichert

Also attending for the Community Values Mapping facilitators Mark Goodwin, Pam Darrow, Peter Grace and on Zoom Tim Stout, Cynthia Thornton, Linda Shelvey, Chris Clarke, and Connie Youngstrom.

2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision

Agenda approved as presented.

3. Acceptance of meeting minutes of February 13, 2024

Minutes were accepted as written with one minor typo corrected.

4. 7:15 Community Values Mapping project

- Meeting with likely facilitators – potential facilitators attending were Mark Goodwin, Pam Darrow, Peter Grace, and on Zoom Linda Shelvey, Tim Stout, Chris Clarke, Connie Youngstrom, and Cynthia Thornton. Cynthia asked about the purpose of the event. Laura explained it is a place-based event so we can see where the areas are that people value and why. We will also see where these areas overlap. We want people to express themselves freely without being led. We want to get a wide variety of people to attend the event. Laura described the process. It was suggested that we have legal pads available for people to write on and possibly scribes at each table. We looked at a potential base map and discussed whether the parcel lines should be on it. It is suggested that parcels not be on the map. We discussed the topics that would be mapped and some elements included in those topics to help clarify the topics. A concern was brought up related to mapping elements on private land and whether areas on private lands would be published on a map. We also discuss whether maps that provide information already on Town Plan Maps available at the event and it was decided we would. Tim suggested we should note where properties are open for people to enjoy. We will have a dry run April 9 at the Planning Commission meeting for the facilitation. It was asked if there will be a way for people to participate if they cannot make the event. We discussed various options. We will ask people to contact us

if they cannot participate but want to participate. Based on that interest we will determine another way for people to participate.

- Determine what to have on the base maps
Base maps will show building locations, lakes streams ponds, roads, relief for topography, open land versus forestland, an orthophoto base with some transparency, and no parcel lines. Laura will work with Rutland Regional Planning Commission GIS Planner to get the maps. Melissa will send Laura link for pens to use on maps.
- Review topic list
Melissa sent out a list and we will review it at the next meeting
- Advertising plan
Laura will check on the flyer for Saturday's Information meeting. We need a poster and a sample map from another Town. Laura will get those printed and it will include date, time and place.
- Any other items
Melissa will ask Nancy Bell about childcare numbers and who did it.
Next meeting we will divide up who is to make contacts to groups.
We reviewed the agenda from other towns and we will develop our own agenda, with timeframes. We need to develop a description of the process based on description from other towns' reports.

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

None

6. Census data publication

Tabled to next meeting.

7. To do list review – same list as before

- Scenic Resources
- Town Plan Maps discussion
- Meadowlands review

Next meeting March 12

8. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date