

Shrewsbury Planning Commission  
**MINUTES**  
June 24, 2025  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Shrewsbury Town Office  
9823 Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury VT

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

7:00 to 7:15 p.m.          Open to public input

Following public input:

1. Call to order  
Meeting called to order at 7:10  
Attendees: Laura Black, Conner 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)

Melissa commented that she looked at the draft Rutland Regional Plan and would like a hard copy. It looked like there is a lot of useful information in it. The Long Trail news has an article about Emerald Borer and that they are treating the ash trees in 4 areas along the Appalachian Trail to preserve the ecology of those areas.

4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of June 10, 2024  
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
5. Plan July 8 Focus Group - contacts  
We reviewed the contact list. Laura sent an announcement to the Times for the July 8 focus group. We want to talk about the agricultural lands and activities that are going on in town. We can discuss the vulnerabilities of agriculture and lands, also the economics of agriculture. What about distribution of products. Who in town is actually haying fields. We will ask a few people with horses where they get the hay for their horses. We will start the Focus group at 7:10 and go to 8:30.
6. Town Plan revision strategy and work items— organization of the Plan document  
Melissa commented that she liked the organization of the draft Rutland Regional Plan but would change the order of some of the chapters for our Town Plan. We thought that natural resources would be immediately after land use. Laura suggested that we should go through policies and make sure the information covered in the policies is mentioned in the introductory information. We discussed how to proceed for the summer with getting work done. Laura mentioned the possibility of having some small work groups. Melissa wants to read the draft Rutland Regional Plan and make notes on it. Laura will ask RRPC to print a copy(copies?) for us. Melissa noted that in the draft

Rutland Regional Plan recreation is divided into transportation for trails and community facilities for recreational facilities. There are no town recreation facilities in Shrewsbury – no ballfields or courts. Laura noted that Nic Stark is going to work on the Community Value Maps in July. Laura asked Melissa to head the drafting the Natural Resources section. Laura asked Connor to head the drafting the Agriculture section.

7. To do list review – same list as before
  - Scenic Resources - Melissa
  - Town Plan Maps discussion – see 11/12/24 minutes
  - Meadowlands review - proceed per 10/08/24 notes

Next meeting July 8, 2025

8. Adjourn

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Planning Commission, Chair

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Date