

Shrewsbury Planning Commission  
**MINUTES**  
September 23, 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 7:00  
Attendees: Laura Black, Conner Self, Melissa Reichert, Pam Darrow, Carmine Iannace, and Rita Gylys
2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision  
Agenda changed to move rounds and mail to after discussion.
3. Discussion on weather data and pollinators

Rita is a Master Garden and gets updates on invasives. She can relay information from The Master Garden's program at UVM Extension. They have information on plants, insects and fungi. There is a monthly disease round-up that she attends. We have uncommon birds in the area and we need the pollinators to support the insects that they eat. Pam knows a lot about the invasive plants in Town. It is possible to replace some of the ornamental invasives such as burning bush with a different plant – a swap to a native. This is a program that could be sponsored by the town. Rita is willing to collect data and feed it to us. Rita and Pam are willing to draft sections on pollinators and invasives for the Town Plan. Suggested length is one page.

Shrewsbury has been reclassified as a Zone 5 in the United States Department of Agriculture plant hardiness map. Carmine has a weather station. He has been collecting data every 5 minutes since April of 2010. Temperature, humidity, dewpoint, rainfall rates, and wind gusts. He reports to the National Weather Service, Weather Underground and other sites. The data has been quality assured. He has also done a pond ice out for their pond. He can compile data on last frost in the spring and first frost in the fall for us. His version of ice out is when there is no ice in the pond. He has his information on [www.Hinckleyfarm.com](http://www.Hinckleyfarm.com).

What is our objective for having the pollinator and invasive sections. We can promote education on the issues, have policies related to solar installations, provide recommendations and where to get more information. We should report that the SCC has created a pollinator garden and request assistance from them.

4. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)  
Laura has not yet had time to get with Nic Stark to go over the maps again. Laura went back to the scenic and made a list of the viewpoints and the scenic areas. Conner suggested we go out and take a look at the areas. Laura is going to make a list of the viewpoints and areas for us. We are going to go out and look at the areas Tuesday Sept 30 at 5 pm at the Meeting House.
5. Acceptance of meeting minutes of September 9, 2025  
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
6. Report on summer tasks/progress.
  - Connor - on Agricultural section – Conner has done work on this section. There was a question about policies and how they are written. We need a consistent format and need to go through and determine which are policies, actions or part of the description. Conner will work on a draft format for policies and actions.
  - Melissa- on Natural Resources (forestry, other?) section, other
7. Plan for next focus/subject to gather info for
8. 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 October 14, 2025

9. Adjourn

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Planning Commission, Chair

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Date