

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
October 28, 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 7:05
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)
The Community Value maps are now available on the town website and available as paper maps in the Town Office. We should have a meeting to discuss the maps and their potential use. It would also be good to ask some other towns how they used the maps for their town.
Class 4 road 41 – the end of Robinson Road is being proposed to be discontinued. The hearing is Nov.19, 2025.
Laura attended the meeting of the Land Use Review Board for Teir 1a status which gives them more development review responsibilities. The Board was impressed with Rutland Regional Planning Commission's presentation on the Tier 1 areas. Laura attended the Tier 3 meeting held by the Land Use Review Board for the Rutland Region. Laura showed a map of the Tier 3 areas from the Act 250 website.
Laura put Pam Darrow's write-up on Invasives in Dropbox.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of October 14, 2025
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
5. Review and discuss suggested format for policies and actions
Conner looked at other town plans to see how others are handling these. Conner liked the plans where the Goals and policies and actions are linked together. Some plans have the policies at the beginning of a section before the text. The Regional Plan has the Policies and Actions at the end. Conner discussed whether we should use action verbs or should and shalls. We decided that we will use the action verb to start the policy or Action. The Regional Plan has a variety of should, shalls and action verbs in their policies. The Regional Plan puts shalls IN **bold**
6. Review draft of Forest section

We reviewed the draft of the Forestry section. There was a question about Policy 7 validity. There were questions about the list of techniques to conserve land. We need to search and see if PUDs are in the zoning. Some of these need definitions. Laura wondered if the Forest section was to be in Natural Resources and Working Lands. Melissa plans to do a section in working lands on Forests and this section was for Natural Resources.

7. Plan for next focus/subject to gather info

Laura contacted Gretchen Gould about attending a recreation focus group. She can attend a meeting on December 9, 2025. We will do the recreation focus group on that date. Laura will get an article in the Times about the recreation focus group. Conner will contact Lana Vanucchi of the Shrewsbury Outing Club, Melissa will contact Roy Arthur of the Sno-birds snowmobile club and Green Mountain Club members. Laura will contact Ryan Fitzbeauchamp and Allie Wilson for school age children recreation concerns.

8. Assign next drafting tasks

Laura plans to work on transportation and energy. Melissa will work on Forest Working Landscape section. Conner will continue working on policies and actions format.

9. To do list review – same list as before

- Natural Resources Section Melissa
- Scenic Resources - Melissa
- Town Plan Maps discussion – see 11/12/24 minutes
- Meadowlands review - proceed per 10/08/24 notes

Next meeting November 11, 2025

10. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date