

**Unapproved Minutes of the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission**  
**November 12, 2025, 5:15 pm 450 Frank Lord Road**

**Attendees:** Linda Shelvey, Chris Clarke, Cynthia Thornton, Pam Darrow, Connie Youngstrom, Michelle, Greene, Louise Duda

**Absent:** Peter Grace

**Members of the Public:** Melissa Reichert

**Minutes:**

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	Minutes	Minutes All approved
2	Financials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reserve Fund \$3242.26, \$554 remaining in budget</li><li>• Weezie made a motion to reimburse Michelle for <del>t</del>Toner, Pam seconded. All approved.</li><li>• Weezie made a motion to approve up to \$500 for TY hats for volunteers that worked on the tracking project for 4 years. Pam seconded, 6 approved, 1 abstained.</li></ul>
3	Selection of Commission Chair and Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weezie resigned as chair of the SCC. She will now serve as Secretary. Michelle will now serve as Chairperson-.</li></ul>
4	Walks and Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Autumn Treasures was interesting and fun for all participants, however turnout was small. Many conflicting events the same day. Consider less W &amp; T's in the future to see if saturation is an issue.</li><li>• Michelle has agreed to set up projector for both mid-winter Library events. Connie will make bat and bears cookies. The Invisible Mammal <del>on @/2/20/26</del> at 7:00pm and Living in Harmony with Bears on 3/13/26 <del>at the</del> same time</li><li>• Tracking in Snow - Linda will send reminder <del>for thein</del> December Times and pull emails from last walk at Jakobsen's land for event when tracking weather is good.</li></ul>
5	Wildlife Road Crossing Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda shared the maps generated by Jens showing our data as compared to current overlay map and Vt Conservation Design priority areas. She emphasized the need to consider very precise language in the next Town Plan in regards to effectiveness of overlays to protect wildlife corridors, important not <del>justnecessarily</del> for Shrewsbury but for whole northeastern states to Canada. Melissa discussed how forest blocks are critical. It was decided to invite Laura and Melissa from SPC to attend <del>a</del> zoom call with Jens to discuss adjustments to overlay maps based on <del>the</del> new data. Linda will set up <del>the meeting</del>.</li><li>• Linda is taking a course on tracking offered by Sofie, from Master Naturalist Program. She will send info on it to others. <del>6 Invasives</del></li></ul>
6	Invasives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The year is winding down <del>the</del> with <del>the</del> new dump of snow. Pam discussed encouraging landowners with invasive bushes like Burning Bush to remove and plant native alternatives and made a handout for residents. Discussion on use of town website for listing of bush native alternatives. Melissa has old but good book on this.</li><li>• Also note that the Natural Resource Conservation District offers low cost (<del>-but</del> small) native bushes for sale on Green Up Day</li></ul>

7	Plastic Film Collection Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weezie prepared a handout for the Selectboard, who requested more info on the program. Michelle will attend that night with handout and photos. Weezie will see if Lily can attend as well, and will contact Aaron to be put on the agenda for Nov. 19</li> </ul>
8	Ash Tree Inventory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still can't locate Gary Salmon's ash tree inventory. May have to be redone, but imperative that Selectboard begin to plan on how they wish to handle the certain demise of ash trees in town. Weezie sent Eldred French info other towns' plans and on grants available for towns that have a plan in place.</li> </ul>
9	Discussion of SCC Goals 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group reviewed ongoing goals and set new ones. We added looking into setting up a Conservation Fund as well as identifying areas in need of conservation. We would like to invite Kim Royar to a future meeting to discuss her many years working on land conservation and the potential regional conservation trust.</li> </ul>
10	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Welcome Bag letters sent to new land owners, 1 response</li> <li>• Should there be an SCC response to wetland proposed changes?</li> <li>• TNC has large amounts of money in a VT Biodiversity Protection Fund. Keep an eye out on info on this for the future</li> </ul>
	Next Meeting	February 4, Wednesday -at 1049 Upper Cold River Road at 5:15pm Note change in location and date
	Adjournment	Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Minutes Prepared By: Louise Duda  
Secretary, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission