

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
March 10, 2026
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 7:07
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 Rutland Regional Plan public hearing is March 17 at 7pm at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) office. There are problems with the Act 250 legislation road rule and tier 3. There may be a delay in implementation of these rules. There is a Vermont Conservation Plan meeting at Mount Holly Community Center on March 24 5 to 8 pm. We could go for an hour and half before our SPC meeting. Laura and Melissa want to attend.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of February 12, 2026 and February 24, 2026
Meeting minutes for February 12, 2026 and February 24, 2026 accepted as written.
5. 2027 Town Plan work: Review and discuss information and sections on:
 - Invasive plants – Melissa would like to include the invasive plants in the section on pollinators since they impact the pollinators. We agreed to include this information in the Natural Resource section. Laura suggested we include an action on manual removal of invasives that is being done by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC).
 - Pollinators – Melissa reviewed the pollinator information supplied by Rita Gylys. She would like to include an abbreviated version in the Natural Resources section as well as some of the actions Rita suggests. We agreed to add this topic.
 - Transportation – Laura met with Ethan Pepin the Transportation planner for RRPC. He is going to do a traffic count for the town. Laura is going to meet with Dan and then the Selectboard. Then Ethan wants to meet with the Selectboard. The State does not actually have yearly data for Route 103 it is modeled. Other towns have put a table with infrastructure and replacement date needs in their plans. We thought this seemed like a worthwhile idea.
 - Outline – Laura supplied the Historic sections that need to merged into one section. There are other sections that need to be merged as well. In Historic we need to mention

that we have 2 National Landmarks, Brown's Bridge and Bowman's Mansion. Natural Resources will include the Natural Factors and the Development Constraints. We are going to try and make sure we are not repeating information in Natural Resources or Historic in our land use area descriptions. Conner will revise Villages, Rural Residential and patterns of development.

2. Continue review of maps and information from meeting with SCC and Jens Hilke on the Wildlife Road Crossing/Tracking project

We have received a description of the Wildlife crossing project from the SCC. Can we include the mapped road crossing data on a map in the Town Plan. Mount Holly has a map showing connectors. We need to figure out what to say about the map and the relationship between the tracking and the wildlife overlay and the State priority areas.

3. 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 March 24

4. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date