

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
March 24, 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)
We received the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan from Maggie O'Brien. We need a point person from the Planning Commission. It needs to be updated to show what has been done. Laura will be the point person. We need to decide if we want to submit comments on the future land use plan draft. The Shrewsbury Selectboard needs to either opt in or out of the Tier 1B areas. Thetford had a village center study done that Laura will send to us.

Melissa and Laura attended the Vermont Conservation Plan meeting.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of March 10, 2026
Meeting minutes for March 10, 2026 accepted as written.
5. 2027 Town Plan work: Review and discuss information and sections on:
 - Recreation
We reviewed the draft recreation. Melissa suggested adding something on the Community Value Mapping. Laura suggested adding a link to the State Forest Trails map. Laura suggested adding language on Class 4 Roads and recreation. Melissa suggested a policy on trail protection.
 - Water Resources
Melissa explained that she had taken the Water Resource parts of Natural Factors and Development Constraints and combined them into the one section, Water Resources, in Natural Resources. Conner wondered about definitions of water classes and we decided to add them as a sidebar. Laura suggested adding (as a sidebar?) the wetland classifications. It was suggested to add a reference to the Flood Resilience section. Laura suggested adding information on wetlands on the Department of Environmental

Conservation (DEC) website related to landowners developing near wetlands. We decided to move the paragraph on regulations to the end of the wetland section. In Groundwater/Aquifers we need to have these mapped. There were questions on the Cuttingsville Fire District and Melissa will check into maps and more information. Melissa explained that in the policies she combined some of the once for Surface waters and wetlands into one to avoid redundancy. We decided to delete Actions 2 and 7 since they did not seem necessary.

- Transportation – tabled to next meeting

6. 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 April 28

7. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date