

Approved Meeting Minutes
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

March 3, 2026; 5:15 PM; 1049 Upper Cold River Road and Zoom

Attendees: Connie Youngstrom, Cynthia Thornton, Michelle Greene, Weezie Duda, Pam Darrow, Linda Shelvey

Absent: Peter Grace, Chris Clarke

Members of the Public:

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	Minutes	Feb 4, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.
2	Financials	No report
3	Green Up	Colorful poster provided by VT Green up has been posted. Weezie will send Connie the Green Up checklist so we can sign up for responsibilities at the next meeting. All agreed that the format last used works well.
4	Walks and Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invisible Mammal well attended and loved. Only issue was with sound system. Michelle will bring up with the library as it might be the projector. Possible another bat topic in the future (Travis Hart?) as much interest. • Living With Bears – March 13 is major conflict with another town event. Weezie will contact Tom to see if he can come on March 20 or 27. Michelle will check dates with Library. If change can be made, Weezie will send out Change the Date memos. • Aug 29 has miraculously been confirmed with Meg Madden for a mushroom walk. (\$300) • Discussion of items budgeted ahead - \$100 Times/AVCC \$300 Meg Madden, \$300 Pollinators, Green Up food and Wildlife Celebration ahead. Decision made to put off Caterpillar Lab and Pollinator Celebration until next year.
5	Wildlife Tracking	Linda has not yet made contact with Jens about a date for presenting the Wildlife data and maps, which is preventing us from moving forward with plans for the community celebration. Other presenters awaiting a date are Kim Royar on conservation of land in Mt Holly and adjoining areas and the Mt Holly Conservation Trust, Bree Furfey on update on the Lynx and maybe Catamount reintroduction discussion, trail cam and tracking pictures slide show, desserts? Linda will work on getting a firm date, Weezie will help.
6	Pollinator Garden	Pam and Rita have met to finalize a layout of native plants and tentative budget of \$300. They have numerous plants set aside from last year and plan to order more, some in the form of small starter plants to be nurtured before planting. Rita will be submitting a request for 50% funding from Master Gardeners. The SCC will apply for a Tiny Grant. The SCC approved spending up to \$300 for plants, with the

		hope of getting additional funds from the above-mentioned sources. Weezie and Pam will meet to apply for the grant.
7	Plastic Bag/Soft Plastics Collection Program	Michelle will be talking to Bert one more time to clarify the role of the TS in this recycling program. The program will be presented to the Selectboard again for approval the first meeting in April.
8	Trees	Connie did not get the pricing of a bagged maple sapling so this was postponed to the next meeting. The Meeting House committee agreed to pay for half of the expense.
9	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodenticides – letter was sent to pertinent representatives supporting a ban. Weezie will send files of effective anti rodenticide posters to Connie to make up to display for Green Up. • VT Conservation Plan – Pam attended recent meeting. Found it informative and well done but not well attended. She encouraged us to read the draft that we all received. Cynthia will be attending related workshop later this month. • Conservation Fund - Cynthia will continue beefing up on Conservation Fund implementation using the AVCC Handbook and report back at next meeting. • EAB – Weezie will invite Eldred French to the April meeting to present his ideas to consider when designing a plan to deal with this future problem. • Collared Bears – Michelle shared info on visit from Game Warden on collared bears in Shrewsbury. • Michelle acknowledged great appreciation and support for the relentless efforts to manage invasive plants by Pam Darrow. We all share their enthusiasm for her tireless hours, often singlehandedly, and willingness to help landowners manage harmful invasive plants.
	Next Meeting	April 7, 2026, 5:15pm, 1049 Upper Cold River Rd and Zoom

Minutes Submitted By: Louise Duda
Secretary SCC