

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
April 28, 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 7:06
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)
Laura can set up the Shrewsbury Planning Commission (SPC) email account so that other SPC members can access the account. Maggie O'Brien sent an email with the link to the 'Municipal Vulnerability Indicators' Tool which is on the Vermont Climate Change website. We received the Town of Plymouth's Draft Zoning Ordinance. The Wildlife Road Crossing dinner wants an RSVP for attendance. The Selectboard has some concerns about the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Regional Plan's impact on Shrewsbury. Laura has written a summary of the RRPC board meeting and has sent it to the Selectboard and Planning Commissioners. Devon Neary is going to come to the next Selectboard to discuss the concerns. We need to look at North Shrewsbury and Northam, and decide how it is to be written consistently in the plan and other town documents and maps. Mark Youngstrom Development Review Board, had a question about expiration of permits and if it is clear in the Zoning Bylaw.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of March 24, 2026.
(Note that there was no SPC meeting on April 14)
Meeting minutes for March 24, 2026 accepted as written.
5. 2026 Rutland Regional Plan - May 19 Final Public Hearing
The RRPC Plan's final hearing is 7 pm May 19.
6. 2027 Town Plan work: Review and discuss information and sections on:
 - Recreation revisions – We reviewed the edits that Conner made. Melissa suggested that the policies are not being written in a consistent way. We may want to add that trails are shown on Map____. Policy 3 The Shrewsbury Peak Trail needs to be reviewed. Should it include the

Black Swamp Trail? Can we require approval from the DRB for Shelters and parking or should it be written in a different way? Any plans for shelters or additional parking should be submitted to the Town Selectboard and Planning Commission for review.

- Transportation - We reviewed the Transportation section and made suggestions. Laura met with Dan Cavoto, Road Commissioner, to discuss the Transportation section. Laura is going to look into the municipal responsibilities for Brown's Bridge future on maintenance. The section on Scenic areas will be moved to scenic resources.
- Other

7. To do list review – same list as before

- Town Plan Maps discussion – see 11/12/24 minutes
- Meadowlands review - proceed per 10/08/24 notes

Next meeting May 12, 2026

8. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date