

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
May 26, 2026
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Shrewsbury Town Office
9823 Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury VT

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7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Open to public input

Following public input:

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:05
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 Rutland Town's draft Subdivision Regulation.
Laura sent out Sean Beatty from Rutland Regional Planning Commission's (RRPC) latest email. Laura will follow up with him on data needs.
Melissa attended the RRPC Town Plan Implementation seminar and will type up her notes to send out.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of May 12, 2026.
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
5. 2027 Town Plan work: Review and discuss information and sections on:
 - Fragile and Significant Natural Areas
We should look at our current Town Plan map and compare it to the ANR Atlas. We also need to describe all the areas on the ANR Atlas in the Town Plan language.
 - Air
We need to look into the paragraph about airsheds to see how much of this is correct. The air from wood stoves gets trapped in the valleys and this may impact area residents. Laura suggested we add a link to the real-time air quality website. Add a sentence before the end of the section about what the local pollutants are that contribute to air pollution. Include fossil fuel use – cars, mowers, heat. Add information about the use of cleaner burning equipment and engines such as electric power tools.
Laura added some information to the policies on the Night Sky and will send Melissa information on the reasons to avoid use of lighting in the blue spectrum. Conner suggested we consider adding an action to update the Unified Zoning and Subdivision lighting section.

- Facilities and Services
We reviewed the draft section. Laura will remove the list of town positions. Melissa suggested adding the RRPC along with the Vermont league of Cities and Towns (VLCT). Laura is going to work on the Solid Waste policies. She will add Shrewsbury to Policy #8. Laura is having Jack Perry from the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) review the Fire Protection section. We discussed the need for fire ponds and dry hydrants and Laura will find out more about the need for these.
- Other
Melissa asked for a review of the policies in the pollinator write-up for suggestions to include in the Town Plan. Laura is going to start on housing.

6. 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 June 9, 2026

7. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date