

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
June 23, 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 7:08
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 met with Ethan Pepin and the Selectboard to schedule traffic counts for the Town Plan. Laura talked with Sean Beatty and he is scheduled to come to our next meeting on July 14th. Sean will get the wildlife tracking data from Jens Hilke. After July 1st he is available to work on layout, data and maps. She will ask Sean to provide graphs and trends for the Housing section that she has started. He suggested we look at the Wallingford draft plan for maps and West Rutland Plan for housing. New FEMA maps will be coming out soon.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of June 9, 2026.
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
5. 2027 Town Plan work: Review and discuss information and sections on:
 - Scenic
Laura suggested adding a photo – stonewalls and farms or panoramic views. Conner raised the concern that we do not know where all the mountains and hills mentioned in the text are located, in particular Angelos and Kinsman. The policy on appropriate sized agriculture will move into agriculture. Melissa will work on rewrites of a couple sentence that were noted to be difficult to understand.
 - Housing
Laura included the statutory reference. She had a lot of the tables noted to be graphics. We reviewed the outline. Do we need to have the housing target for Shrewsbury in the Town Plan, we decided to keep it. The data needs to be checked in the tables and in the Population table it was suggested that the trends should also give percent changes from 2010 to 2020.
 - Purpose and General Aims

Melissa suggested that the section be called Purpose of the Plan and that the Objectives be changed to Goals.

- Other

We looked at the Current plan and found that we need to incorporate 4.2 Socio-cultural factors influencing land use. We also need to write the land use patterns conservation section and Melissa will do this. We need to think more about future land use and development constraints. This is an important aspect of the Town Plan.

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, July 14 2026

7. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date