

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
July 14, 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 7:03
Attendees: Laura Black, Conner Self, Melissa Reichert and Sean Beatty from Rutland Regional Planning Commission(RRPC).
2. Approval of agenda, review and/or revision
Agenda approved as presented.
3. Rounds and mail (SPC members' updates and review PC mail received)
Nothing for rounds.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of June 23, 2026.
Meeting minutes accepted as written.
5. 2027 Town Plan work: Meeting with Sean Beatty
 - Discuss process for Sean's work to create layout, format.
Sean presented a revised outline. We reviewed what sections have drafts completed. He would like to see the completed draft sections. Most of Natural Resources is complete except for wildlife. Many of the questions in Sean's outline are similar to the focus group questions. Laura will send Sean the Focus Group questions and notes. Sean will add the data and graphs to the Transportation and Housing sections. We discussed where we are with Land Use. The Conservation areas will change to Preservation areas and match our Zoning districts and include conserved lands. The Resources Protection areas will be the same as our overlay districts in Zoning. We will need to have the future land use meet the requirements from the new Regional Plan Land Use. Sean will guide us in meeting these requirements. Melissa suggested we need to look at areas for housing and areas for conservation to meet the new conservation statute. We discussed the Economics Chapter and we need to have updated data. Laura suggested it tie into the land use. Laura has completed Facilities and Services. Scenic, Historic and Recreation Resources will be one chapter. For the Education chapter we need updated data. We should reach out to our local Schoolboard members to review the section. The Historic Society should be mentioned in the historic section. Cultural Resources has not been started and Laura will do it. Laura has mostly completed the Transportation section and Ethan Pepin will work on this section. The Energy section needs to be updated.

Laura has developed a set of questions related to energy. RRPC is developing municipal energy data and we will be able to use that information. We are not doing an enhanced energy plan. We have not started the flood resilience and hazard mitigation chapter. Sean will work with Maggie O'Brien on the Flood Resilience. We have already done work on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Flood Hazard Bylaw. We can use language and information from these documents. We need to at least have a table for the Program for Implementation using the Actions in the other sections. Sean wants us to send him the completed sections, focus group information and the schedule.

- Discuss process for Sean's work with Connor on map updates.
Conner will get with Sean to discuss the maps.
- Discuss other tasks that Sean will perform – see Data list
Laura sent Sean the data needs list and it is mainly ArcGIS data. Sean will create a format for the document when we send him sections.
- Discuss Socio-Cultural Factors influencing Land Use including Development Constraints.
Most of the information in this section is now included in other sections such as Housing, Land Use and natural Resources. Sean proposed a community profile section which would contain some of the information included in the Socio-Cultural and section provide an overview of the Shrewsbury. We will add this section.
- Discuss Other TP work over July and August with committee meetings for draft reviews.
The meeting with Sean provided clarity on work that needs to be done. We will meet again on August 11 to continue reviewing draft sections.

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, August 11

7. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date