

Meeting Minutes
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

June 2, 2026; 5:15 PM; 1049 Upper Cold River Road

Attendees: Connie Youngstrom, Cynthia Thornton, Michelle Greene, Weezie Duda, Pam Darrow, Chris Clarke

Absent: Peter Grace

Members of the Public:

Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion:
1	Minutes	May 2, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.
2	Financials	Reserves \$3,589.13, Budgeted, \$352.05. Motion approved to cover the cost of the Wildlife Road Crossing Project celebration food expenses in the amount of \$96.04 with budgeted funds. Motion approved to cover costs for stamps and office supplies with budgeted funds. We decided to put estimated budget items into categories for next year.
3	Wildlife Road Crossing Project	• Discussion of celebration of wildlife tracking project on May 27. All agreed that the presenters were excellent. Good turn out and an affirming event for so many who have worked on conservation of wildlife corridors in various ways. • Next stage – focus on where crossing is on Rt 103 and appraisal of replacement of culverts for wildlife passage. Linda will come to next meeting to share her ideas.
4	Pollinator Garden aka Shrewsbury Native Plant Educational Garden	• Pam reported that garden was mostly planted at this time and needs time to get established. She and Rita will be making more purchases next week. • Weezie suggested that Rita, Pam, and she meet to coordinate upcoming educational events/walks and talks.
5	Invasives	• Pam has moved on from shrubs to chervil and garlic mustard and soon emerging parsnip. She is encouraged by the many landowners that are pitching in to help! We discussed various sites needing attention. • Discussion of need to mow chervil at Osbourne property to prevent spread up and down Lincoln Hil – Possible SCC members with weed whackers?
6	Trees	Possible planting next week? Connie will coordinate with Greg and Meeting House. We will reimburse Greg, who has tax exempt info.
7	Welcome Bags	• All bags now have updated greeting sheet with new email and EAB info. • We will incorporate a follow-up call to bag recipients about a month post visit to check in. • 10 letters sent out with invite for a Welcome Bag, 3 requests

		awaiting dates.
8	Walks and Talks	• Doug Tallamy film to start off Native Plant Garden season. • Potential Beaver Presentation- We will continue to look for film or speaker for winter program. • Connie suggested a winter tree ID walk – Melissa Reickert? • Meg Madden still on Aug 29.
10	Plastic Bag/Soft Plastics Collection Program	Weezie will write a brief article for the Times on soft film plastic collection at Price Chopper /Market 32.
11	Commission Openings	We discussed outreach to two potential members. Connie and Weezie will reach out in follow-up. A third interested member is not a full-time resident. Can she become a “minion” until such time that she lives here? Michelle will email her.
9	New Business	• Chris asked that a reminder to supply large black bags for recyclables being returned be added to The Green Up checklist. • Reminder of walk and dinner at Tim Stout’s Thursday evening. • Update on sale of Fox Lots. • Discussed roadside dumping issues. Velco will be setting up barricades for problem on Freeman Brook Rd. Brown Bridge area continuing issues. Cynthia will send us info on Environmental Violation Reports. • Need for more note cards -estimated cost \$30+. Will review at year’s end.
	Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 Next Meeting	 July 7, 2026, 5:15pm 1049 Upper Cold River Rd.

Minutes Submitted By: Louise Duda
Secretary SCC