

Shrewsbury Planning Commission
MINUTES
October 13, 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)
No rounds.
4. Acceptance of meeting minutes of September 29, 2026 and October 8, 2026.
Meeting minutes for September 29, 2026 and October 8, 2026. accepted as written.
5. 2027 Town Plan work: Review and discuss information and sections on:
 - Sections to review –
16-Energy
We reviewed this section and made edits. It has a lot of interesting new data. Melissa wanted to know the percent of energy use that is generated in the town by residential solar panels. Melissa asked if the areas listed in siting were already excluded from energy development. This would be better as a policy. Melissa asked about commercial energy development having to be licensed by the Public Utilities Commission. Laura will check on these items. It was suggested to combine Policy 7 and 8 with other siting issues into one policy.
14-Cultural Resources
Melissa noted that the section on Historic sites is in the Scenic and Historic Resources in our outline not in Cultural Resources. Laura will move the section. Melissa suggested adding regional elder care support to Policy 2. Conner suggested that we acknowledge the indigenous peoples land use prior to western settlement. He also raised an issue with the word settled and suggested we use the word founded. We agreed to add this information.
Melissa will find the Green Mountain Club's land acknowledgement and send it to Laura.
 - Future Land Use discussion – briefly discussed. Laura and Melissa both compiled some information from other plans. More detailed discussion at the next meeting.

- Edit Policies and Actions - (from Natural Resources and Land Use) – Melissa will go through and consolidate the Natural Resource Policies and Actions and will delete the repetitive policies and actions in Land Use.
- Town Plan Maps – we still have not received the maps. Conner will follow-up with Sean.
- Review schedule - (need to write the Report!)
- Photos – assign contacts

6. To do list review – same list as before

- Meadowlands review - proceed per 10/08/24 notes

Next regularly scheduled meeting, October 27, 2026 and we will meet October 20 from 5 to 6:30.

7. Adjourn

Planning Commission, Chair

Date