Town of Shrewsbury
Planning Commission

REPORT and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
SHREWSBURY, VERMONT

2027 TOWN PLAN

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 2027 Shrewsbury Town Plan on **Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm**. The hearing will be held at the Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd. in Shrewsbury Center.

The Shrewsbury Town Plan is hereby amended for the following purposes/reasons:

- To meet State of Vermont statute that the Town Plan be amended every eight years.
- To meet State of Vermont requirements and guidelines for statewide and regional planning goals (as reviewed by Rutland Regional Planning Commission staff).
- To incorporate response to recent State of Vermont statutes and legislation.
- To update current Town data.

Changes made to the document include:

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission (SPC) undertook an overall rewrite and changed the organization of the 2018 Town Plan document. Data has been updated, photos and visual graphics added. The goals of the 2018 Town Plan to the 2027 Town Plan did not change other than minor editing. The SPC has endeavored to reduce repetition and clearly state the implementation objectives of the Plan.

Community engagement events held over the past few years led to several status updates and new objectives regarding Town resources. Town residents participated in meetings to provide their local expertise and knowledge to inform changes observed and experienced in the Town.

New Vermont statutory requirements have been addressed such as a new Chapter to address flood resiliency and planning in the face of other climate related changes.

Updates to population demographics was made using US census data, and Vermont State data on housing and incomes.

Current land use and natural resources data and information is included using available and mapped data from state and federal resources. A section on working lands is now included. Local information is added such as local weather data and the wildlife tracking data gathered by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission over the past five years. A

section on pollinators and their habitat as well as language on invasive plant and insect species is included.

The section on housing affordability, includes mention of the most recent legislation passed to allow increased density on existing residential parcels.

The chapter on education describes the local public school system, population changes over recent years, and reference to how current legislation affects the district schools.

The energy chapter is updated with the Town's most current energy data including solar installations and the energy produced by them, quantity of heat pumps installed, and weatherization projects implemented to date.

The Plan is consistent with the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan as required by statute.

The transportation chapter is revised to describe the town's highway assets, and to describe the maintenance and associated costs related to them.

The Facilities and Services Chapter is updated and includes a section describing Town Government and Town Municipal Facilities.

Updated Town Maps reflect current state data, as well as local information.

The Plan is drafted to be consistent with the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan as required by statute.

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