

MINUTES  
SHPC Meeting  
January 7, 2019

To: Shrewsbury Historical Preservation Committee  
From: Allyn Taylor, Clerk

Meeting location: Town Hall, Conf. Room A

Present: S. Boulay, B. Forletta, J. Kane, G. Melhuish, R. Ryan, P. Schwab, A. Taylor

Absent: P. George, D. Snowdon

1. Call to order by R. Ryan at 6:03 PM.
2. Minutes of December 10, 2018 meeting approved.
3. The decision to recommend to the Board of Selectmen an appropriate modification of the Massachusetts Historical Commission Model Preservation Bylaw, previously implemented by 150 Massachusetts communities, as a means toward preserving the historic character of Shrewsbury was reviewed. This was selected over two identified alternatives of (1) paying owners of historically significant properties for the first right of refusal for the opportunity to investigate means to keep the owner whole in the subsequent event of his/her plan for its demolition, or (2) creating an historic district in the section of Main Street with the greatest number of historic homes in Shrewsbury.

The essence of the State Model is when a town receives an application to demolish a structure that exceeds a set age, the town then follows specific steps with time limits to identify its possibly having significant historical significance and to implement actions, including a public hearing on its potential preservation in a manner acceptable to the owner.

4. BF/AT will make agreed corrections/updates to our proposal and distribute thru VC this week.
5. RR and PS will prepare and distribute thru VC this week a draft report of our recommendation to the BOS. This will be reviewed and finalized at our next meeting.
4. The next SHPC meeting is at 6:00 PM, January 14, 2019 in the Old Selectmen's Meeting Room.
5. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allyn Taylor