

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY**  
**Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building**  
**100 Maple Avenue**  
**Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**May 2, 2022**

**LOCATION:** Shrewsbury Public Library, Community Meeting Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Molina, Chair  
Debra Mooney, Vice Chair  
Melanie Magee, Clerk (via Google Meet)  
Martha Gach, Conservation Commission Representative  
Gail Aslanian, Historical Commission Representative  
James LeMay, Parks & Cemetery Commission Representative (via Google Meet)  
Rajesh Velagapudi, At Large Member

**NOT PRESENT:**

Steven Boulay, Planning Board Representative  
Kathleen McSweeney, Housing Authority Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rowen McAllister, Assistant Town Planner

Jason Molina called the meeting to order at 7pm.

The minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously. Jason reviewed the timeline for the committee and noted that the committee as constituted has only one more meeting in this fiscal year. He recommended that the CPC members who have a one-year appointment go back to their original board and plan to either stay on the CPC committee or allow for a turnover of membership.

Rowen McAllister and Gail Aslanian presented a few possibilities for the graphic layout and overall appearance of the CPC Plan, and the committee expressed suggestions and overall preferences. The cover design was agreed upon.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the text of the Community Preservation Plan. It was noted that the public input obtained at the recent Community Forum did not necessarily reflect the restrictions of the CPC law and in fact there were suggestions for CPC projects that would not be allowable.

The committee discussed the text of the Goals section of the Plan at length and in detail, covering the four areas of CPC concern: Historic Preservation, Open Space, Recreation, and Affordable Housing. As a guideline, the committee tried to express the three or four goals for each of the areas of concern using the actual words of the law such as preserve, protect, create, rehabilitate, etc. As Kathy McSweeney of the Housing Authority was not present, it was hoped that she could review the Affordable Housing Goals once more to make sure that the committee was expressing these correctly.

The committee also discussed the process and forms that will be needed to begin reviewing actual applications. The committee agreed that it was unnecessary to have both a short and a long form application.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for **June 6, 2022**.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Magee, Clerk