

Shrewsbury Historic District Commission

May 18, 2023 7:00 PM Shrewsbury Town Hall

Attendees: Kelly Barner, Keith Baldinger, Kris Gustafson, Melanie Petrucci, Allyn Taylor

Absent: Shannon Nolley, Whitney Andrews

Guests: Sally Lividini, Moira Chan, Shiwen Chen, Jayne Siebels

1. Call to Order at 7:03 pm.
2. Minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting were approved with a unanimous vote.
3. Certificate of Appropriateness - SELCO/Shrewsbury Cultural Council Art Wrap on Electrical Boxes - Sally Lividini, Moira Chan, Shiwen Chen, and Jayne Siebels

The Commission was shown a collection of representative designs under consideration for wrapping electrical boxes at five different locations around town. Kris Gustafson provided an overview of the commission's charge under M.G.L. for the sake of context. Sally Lividini explained why the box on 140 (at the library) was chosen over other boxes in town (level of charge, boxes that are scheduled for relocation, etc.). SELCO recommended the library location for inclusion in the program.

The group discussed preferences for a natural or floral (iris) themed design v. something more modern. Procedurally, Keith explained that we would post a hearing at the Commission's next meeting or vote not to have a hearing. The Commission voted to have the guests back to the June meeting (as a public hearing) to present a specific design for approval.

4. Old Business

- Update on Status of application for CPA funding for the Historic Gravestones in Mountain View Cemetery - Kris Gustafson. The proposal was unanimously approved by Town Meeting, along with several other historical projects around town. The next step is to complete an assessment on the work to be done.
- Update on Historic District Commission Town Center Walking Tour – Kelly Barner. The current goal is to have the Commission review the copy for grammar and style as well as to fact check it by the June meeting so that once the town is ready, the first pass of information can be added to the app over the summer and user testing can begin.
- Planning for meeting in June with Norm Corbin (Northborough Historic District Commission) who will share Northborough's process in creating their Historic Preservation Plan – All. Norm will be at the June 15th HDC meeting, invite historic commission, Kevin Esposito, Kevin Mizikar, Select Board Chair, Gail Aslanian (CPC). Melanie will touch base with Norm to set expectations about what we will do with the

time. Because there is a Finance Committee meeting, we may need to move to the Police Station or the library.

5. New Business

- All in Shrewsbury - Collective Action for a Sustainable Future - Keith Baldinger. First ever climate action plan, called "All in Shrewsbury" focused on municipal operations, helping staff understand what climate action means and how to actively participate. June 14th is the next advisory group meeting which will result in a draft climate action plan in advance of community outreach. The final climate action plan is expected in the fall.
- Updates to Historic District Commission's page on the town's website - Kris Gustafson. The page banners are being updated department by department and Taylor Galusha can update that for us.
- Invitation to Shrewsbury Town Center Association Meet & Greet Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Avidia Bank – Melanie.

6. Next Meeting Date – June 15, 2023, location TBD

7. Adjourn at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted
Kelly Barner, Secretary