

Meeting Agenda
Natural Resources and Conservation Committee
Shelburne Town Offices –Meeting Room 2
7:00 PM
Wednesday, July 10, 2019

- Call to Order: – 7:00
- Preliminary matters– 7:00 -7:15
 - Confirm minute taker
 - Review and Approve Agenda
 - Review and Approve May Minutes
 - Public Comment (for items not on agenda)
- Joint session with Tree Advisory Committee : – 7:15-7:30
 - Emerald Ash borer
- Tactical Basin Plan Water quality survey: – 7:30-8:00
 - Please come prepared to offer your thoughts on highly valued waters, areas of concern, etc.
- Jason Grignon’s notes from Resilience Conference– 8:00-8:05
 - Any interest in subcommittee work prior to retreat?
- Prioritization of bylaw changes recommended in Plan : – 8:05-8:30
 - Follow up to discussion initiated June 12 (starting with definitions?)
- Development Review– 8:30-8:40
 - Betsy Rich project
- Conservation Projects (Executive session as needed): – 8:40-8:45
- Updates: – 8:45-8:55
 - Open Space Plan- Discuss distribution
 - Regional Conservation Partnership accord and mapping
 - Town policy regarding beavers
- Other Business/ updates: 8:55-9:00
- Adjourn: – 9:00, or upon completion of discussion

Selectboard meetings 7/9, 7/23
Planning Commission meetings 7/11, 7/25

Overview:

1. Member makes comments addressing sensitivity of subject matter (“relating to Findings requirement”)
2. Member makes motion to specify that minutes reflecting “Findings”
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second
 - c. Vote
3. Member makes motion to enter Executive Session
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second
 - c. Vote
4. Executive Session entered
5. Executive Session ends
6. Member makes motion to exit Executive Session
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second
 - c. Vote
7. Meeting resumes

Findings:

“The meeting agenda includes an item relating to the discussing of conservation projects. The SNRCC’s charge includes making recommendations to the Selectboard regarding use of the Open Space to purchase land or rights in land.

“Discussions involving potential land acquisition can be and often are complex, time consuming, and sensitive to outside influences. I believe others on the SNRCC would agree. I wish therefore to make two motions. The first provides justification for entering executive session, while the second, if approved, would cause the group to enter executive session.”

1st MOTION

“I move that the minutes show that SNRCC has made a finding that premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1).”

2nd MOTION

“I move that the SNRCC enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a matter involving negotiation and/or securing real estate purchase or lease options, as authorized by 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2).”