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## **Natural Resources and Conservation Meeting**

Draft Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

### **Attendance:**

#### Members Attending

Gail Albert (Chair), Peg Rosenau, Don Rendall, Sean MacFaden Kyle Bergeron.

#### Staff Attending

Kaitlin Mitchell joined at 7:45PM

#### Others Attending

Elise Annes Vermont Land Trust V.P. for Community Relations, Allen Karnatz Vermont Land Trust Champlain Valley Farm Director, Becky Castle

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM by Chair Gail Albert.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Sean moved approval of the warned agenda. Peg seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

#### Minutes for December

Kyle moved approval of the minutes for December as amended by Gail (See attached), with Don seconding. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment (for issues not on agenda):**

There was no public in attendance with additional items for discussion.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:14, The group went into executive session following a motion by Don, seconded by Sean and which passed unanimously. The executive session was ended at 7:45 on a motion by Sean, seconded by Kyle and which passed unanimously. During the time of the executive session, Becky excused herself.

### **Integrated Agriculture Conditional Use**

Becky Castle presented information relating to the issue of Town Rural District Bylaws concerning conditional or permitted activities described as Integrated Agricultural practices. She presented a summary of the current Town regulations which date back from 2007 and described recommendations she will be making to the Planning Commission on the following evening based on a survey she made among several community members with an interest in the practice. She encouraged the Committee to attend the Planning Commission meeting to support updating the old regulations.

## **Development Review**

Kaitlin Mitchell provided the group with information regarding the Desautel project at Pond Road and Rt 116 to prep the Committee for making comments to the DRB. The committee expressed concerns that this would be another occasion of patchwork sprawl in the rural area and not designed in a clustered fashion to heighten the preservation of the existing natural resources. Kaitlin suggested that this lot layout was a result of septic conditions to which Don suggested that an analysis of optional community septic systems be required for justification. Sean suggest that a careful evaluation of wetland areas be made so that they may be protected. Additional comments were made relating to the potential impact on the forested area which this project contains as part of limited forest habitat remaining in Shelburne which is becoming parcelized and thus impacting wildlife corridors. Kaitlin then provided the group with an overview of the Saar plan on Harbor road. The group did not see any need for a new driveway when an existing shared drive was already an option.

## **SNRCC Budget Request**

Kaitlin committed to the Committee that she would try to determine the status of our budget request being reviewed by the SelectBoard for the forthcoming fiscal year. She then left the meeting at 8:55PM.

## **Open Space Plan**

Sean and Peg will be meeting Thursday evening at 7 to discuss editing of the written copy with our proposed editor.

## **Membership**

The committee congratulated Kyle on his elevation to full member status. Gail reported that we are still short two members and have recently received interest from three possible candidates. She will keep us up to date on changes.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned on the motion by Peg seconded by Kyle with unanimous consent. The meeting ended at approximately 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Don Rendall