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Natural Resources and Conservation Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Meeting Room 2, Shelburne Town offices

Attendance:

Members Attending

Don Rendall, Fred Morgan, Peg Rosenau, Susan Moegenburg, John Cocina, Sean MacFaden,

Committee Staff attending

Dean Pierce

Guests/others attending

Megan Nedzinski, AJ Humphrey, library project; Bart Frisbie, Andy Rowe, Sterling construction project; Wendy Saville, Kate Lalley, Paths Committee Chair.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don Rendall at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Dean Pierce drew attention to a note from Gail Albert asking for discussion of the dumping of snow on the property south of Vermont Teddy Bear (Mack Farm). Don Rendall suggested addressing under Other business. Susan Moegenburg moved approval of the agenda as amended, with Jon Cocina seconding. The agenda was approved unanimously as amended.

Approval of Minutes:

John Cocina moved approval of the meeting minutes for January, with Fred Morgan seconding. The minutes were approved.

Open to Public:

There were no public comments.

Development Review:

Library Project

Following a detailed presentation by library project architect Megan Nedzinski and project manager AJ Humphrey, the SNRCC adopted a motion indicating the project plans are acceptable as submitted. Several comments made during the presentation were related to stormwater; as a result, the committee's motion also included recommendations regarding raingardens and stormwater flows.

Coleman

Plans for the Irish Hill Road project were presented by engineer Andy Rowe, who accompanied applicant Bart Frisbie at the meeting. As was the case with the library project, a number of comments made by committee members about the Irish Hill Road addressed stormwater. Other questions and comments addressed restrictions on cutting of vegetation along the Laplatte River and tributaries. In light of the length of the agenda, the SNRCC took no action on the request; discussion of the project will continue at the SNRCC's next meeting.

Kate Lalley and Wendy Saville departed the meeting.

Comprehensive Plan:

As part of the discussion of the possible changes to the Comprehensive Plan, Susan Moegenburg described efforts to update parts of the document that address natural resources and future development. The group also considered ways that maps contained in the Plan could be improved.

Grant Opportunity:

Susan Moegenburg reported on a grant opportunity sponsored by the Vermont Natural Resources Council. The group discussed ideas for possible projects, including a watershed analysis, survey, and community forum. Time might not permit filing an application before the deadline. But if the grant is offered again in the future it should be considered. Dean Pierce pointed out that authorization for grant applications must be provided by the Selectboard.

Munroe Brook Project Idea:

Dean Pierce reported on an email exchange he'd had with Jim Pease of ANR regarding an undersized culvert under a road spanning the banks of Munroe Brook. Jim has suggested the possibility of pursuing a project to upgrade the culvert. Committee members reacted somewhat favorably. Dean indicated he would speak with Jim and the landowner.

Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee:

Susan Moegenburg reported on the recent meeting of the Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee (SUAC), noting some of the challenges relating to the review of the proposed stormwater utility ordinance.

[The motion relating to the Library and the decision to continue discussion of the Sterling Construction project were made at this point of the meeting.]

Conservation Projects:

There was no discussion under this item.

Other Business:

Dumping of snow on the Mack property

The group discussed the reported dumping of snow on the Mack property south of Vermont Teddy Bear. Gail Albert drew attention to this issue at a recent meeting of the Selectboard. According to an email from the Vermont Land Trust Stewardship coordinator, who has addressed the issue in the past, the dumping does not violate the agricultural easement in place on the property. Some questioned whether VLT should update its position on the matter. Dean Pierce will ask Water Quality superintendent Chris Robinson to provide an update to the group after he has had a chance to investigate the matter from a local regulation perspective.

Annual reorganization/Election of Chair

The group briefly discussed the annual reorganization, which normally occurs in late March or April.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Susan Moegenburg, seconded by Sean MacFaden, and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.