

SNRCC- Minutes May 8, 2019

Attending: Peg Rosenau, Sean MacFaden, Fred Morgan, Mike Schramm, Don Rendall, Dean Pierce (staff)

Call to order: 7:08 Don serving as acting chair in Gail's absence

1. Agenda: Don moved to approve, Fred seconded- all in favor, adopted without changes
2. April 10th minutes: Sean approved, Fred seconded, -all in favor, adopted without changes
3. Public Comment: none
4. Development Review:

Rice Lumber- driveway modification & development update. Some of the old buildings will be demolished. The DRB has had a hearing and is awaiting the decision regarding a new driveway path to home lots. The proposed driveway will circumvent the lumberyard parking lot.

5. Conservation Projects:

Ewing update: The project closed 5/7. The lot on east side was transferred to the Nature Conservancy.

6. Scenic View Discussion:

Sean presented info on possible viewshed analysis options. Ultimately, we could replace or update the existing significant views layer on the town's master digital map. Lots of new techniques are available for mapping. Dean shared current map in paper form for comparison. Sean has been investigating which scenic resources should be included in an updated version. There are lots of remote sensing data sets available. This data - with algorithms- can be used to create viewshed maps. Sean demonstrated how this could be done using some road intersections as viewpoints. Monkton has performed a viewshed analysis. Sean thinks we could take some cues from this model. Monkton has created a simplified version using a scale of limited to high visibility. They used points along well-traveled roadways and also some other significant locations in town.

Possibilities for Shelburne:

Visibility Analysis from primary roads

Visibility analysis from subjectively-identified points
(opportunity for public to weigh in on this)

Combine these results into single easily interpreted map

Potentially reduce score if compromised viewsheds

Tasks: ID viewsheds not represented by roads, GIS processing, Determine whether visibility captures important background views, develop ranking scheme for final map (including anthropogenic and notable habitat features)

Committee agreed that Sean should start at least provisional work on the map- based on the Monkton map. Dean also suggested that we look at a few other maps to see if there are other tacks to take. Committee agreed that we should revisit this discussion and review the draft map in September when it is likely that most member will be in attendance.

7. Prioritization/Strategizing for advancing bylaw changes in Plan

What should be prioritized? Dean suggested looking into phase 2 of rural PUD work that planning commission is currently working on. This will likely be their major topic for the coming months. The definition of open space and core forests, as well as steep slopes is also a current topic of discussion. It is possible that the definition of open space may be modified to a definition similar to that of South Burlington. Members should attend PC meetings when possible. Don will attend 5/9 meeting.

8. Printing of Open Space Plan

Peg presented some options. Digital printing is much cheaper than offset printing- especially for a smaller number of copies (200 was used for the quote). Quotes were obtained from Catamount and Villanti. Catamount could not do offset copies in low quantity (200). The offset printing from Villanti was much more expensive per copy (18.80 per copy for 200 copies) unless a very large number of copies were made (5.04/copy for 1000). Former member and (designer of current OSP) Joanna Ralston has offered to prepare a version suitable for use on a digital printer.

Peg made a motion to approve \$1100 for 200 digital copies of the Open Space plan using Catamount. Sean seconded. All in favor- unanimous.

9. Regional Conservation Partnership update and Mapping

On -going effort coordinated by folks in So Burlington. Dean has sent out "Accord" document. He will send regional conserved lands map in near future.

10. Other Business/updates

Possible dates for SNRCC retreat- the summer could be difficult to schedule. Committee members expressed an interest in meeting on a weekday instead of a weekend.

Shelburne Heights trapping. Received a letter about trapping on a residential property. The committee does not think there is much we could do. The issue seems to be one for game warden/law enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.