

Shelburne Natural Resources and Conservation Committee

Minutes, May 19, 2020

In Attendance (via Zoom): Dean Pierce, Peg Rosenau, Jon Cocina, Bob Paquin, Gail Albert, Mike Schramm, Fred Morgan, Sean MacFaden, Brit Aube.

1. Meeting declared open by chair, 7:08pm.
2. Agenda
 - a. Griffin sub-division proposal withdrawn; removed from agenda.
3. Minutes from May 13, 2020
 - a. Gail motioned to move discussion of minutes to next meeting, to allow for committee to review them (Don seconded, all in favor [Bob recused, not at last meeting])
4. Draft document of proposed amendments to subdivision regulations
 - a. Don, Gail, and Fred have reviewed the subdivision regulations and developed suggested additions. They generally pertain to these sections: 600 (application requirements) and 800 (planning standards). The committee discussed the list of key resources listed in the draft document and agreed that definitions are needed. What is the official name of notable habitat map, in the context of subdivision regulations? And will this map replace or substitute VT ANR BioFinder resources? Sean will check and get back to committee.
 - b. (Mike left meeting at 7:35pm)
 - c. The entire committee will have to review the document in greater detail. Dean explained that group access to a document is equivalent to a meeting and thus the document must be available to the public (but not with editing privileges). The document will be published to the web and the individual committee members will have the opportunity to review it.
 - d. Dean suggested that maps and tables should be developed first and then the proposed changes should be tailored to those resources.
 - e. Dean also suggested narrowing the scope of the proposed changes or to break the changes into manageable groups. Jon recommended that the group first focus on Section 800 and let everyone review it.
 - f. (Bob left the meeting at 8:00pm).
 - g. Dean further suggested making marginal comments rather than direct editing. Jon suggested that permissions in Google Drive can be adjusted accordingly.
 - h. Everyone still in the meeting agreed to this approach: Each committee member will review section 800 and provide comments (no direct editing).
5. Other Comments
 - a. Peg mentioned that *Phragmites* is growing along the LaPlatte River near the Ti-Haul Path. She has contacted Lynn McNamara of TNC, who is aware of the problem and is considering how to address it. Peg will keep us posted (volunteers might be needed at some point to help with removal efforts).
6. Conservation Projects – No discussion
7. Illegal trails in the LaPlatte Nature Park.
 - a. The Paths Committee was unaware of the SNRCC's role in stewarding/managing the Nature Park. Dean passed along copies of the management plan and conservation easements to the Paths Committee. Gail suggested that the two committees should have a joint meeting to discuss common issues of interest.
8. Next meeting

- a. Second Wednesday in June.
9. Meeting adjourned, 8:18pm (Jon motioned, Fred seconded, all approved).