

**Animal Coexistence sub-committee meeting
June 4, 2020**

Minutes:

Agenda – Sharon motioned to approve, Jon seconded, all in favor

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Public Comment – No comments

Policy Development Conversation

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jZ8YMTwcubCNMJCqgW1wwTOEh6e74fXknITKnIrJ9Is/edit?usp=sharing>

Focused on comments in a working Google document

- Jon – spoke about the comments he’s added into the document to date.
- Jim – Wants to be sure we don’t lose the context of the fact that all things are interconnected and interrelated. Because many people won’t read the town plan, maybe we need the full picture.
- Don commented that regulations need to be supported by the town plan. Reminded the group that the DRB wants a policy document that can help how the town does business.
- We need to ensure that education/information is properly promoted so that not only do town employees understand it, but it is available to all citizens as well. It would be helpful to have a sample policy document from the town to help guide what is needed.
- Next steps - ask Mike and Jerry for a sample policy document (Jon will email Mike). Will also ask if there can be annotations that direct people to portions of the town plan or other resources.
- Sharon mentioned that this document will probably be more aspirational than specific. However, she would prefer enough detail so that it is taken seriously and is not too vague.
- Sharon discussed some of the edits she would like to make and that will now add to the Google document.
- Agriculture and scenic resources are significant portions of SNRCC’s town plan recommendations.
- Don discussed the current mapping work going on with SNRCC and the details that the new maps will provide.
- Don believes that this document needs to be more focused.
- Jim recommends having too much and then cutting. Would rather have something too long to work from.
- We will need to survey what policies already exist for domestic animals. This is something that is something that can be added later if policies do not already exist.
- Sharon thinks there’s a risk of controversy if we move into talking about and making recommendations for domestic animals.

- Jim walked through his comments that were outlined separately. Started by looking at principles and policies to make sure they were drafted and scoped appropriately for Shelburne. Adding an appendix would allow us to detail specific species, etc. if that is desired.
- Mike joined – described that he is envisioning that these principles are integrated into the regulation recommendations that SNRCC is working on. In terms of a document for integration into town plan, that's a different question. Mike's thinking is that we share the vision of this work and then let SNRCC figure out the path to implementation.
- Next Step is to do another drafting of the Google document with everyone's comments integrated. Meet once more. Then meet with SNRCC in July to discuss next steps.

Other business – No

Adjourn – Jon motioned, Sharon seconded, all in favor