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Natural Resources and Conservation Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Meeting Room 2, Shelburne Town offices

Attendance:

Members Attending

Gail Albert, John Cocina, Sean MacFaden, Fred Morgan, Peggy Day, Kyle Bergeron [arrived 7:17], Hannah Frasure [student member; does not count toward quorum]

Committee Staff attending

Dean Pierce

Guests/others attending

Bob Owens, Al Nevins, Norm Stanislas

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Gail Albert at 7:02 PM. The Chair called for introductions prior to the discussion of individual projects. Attendees obliged. Hannah Frasure, the committee's new student member, was recognized.

Approval of Agenda:

Gail Albert called for approval of the agenda. A change to the agenda—removing item relating to the Ewing subdivision—was mentioned by Dean Pierce. Peggy Day moved approval of the agenda, as modified. Jon Cocina seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously as modified.

Approval of Minutes:

Peggy Day moved approval of the meeting minutes for May, with Jon Cocina seconding. The motion was withdrawn when it was determined that the Gail Albert intended to recuse herself and the group would lack the number required for a successful vote.

Open to Public:

There were no public comments.

Dog Park:

Bob Owens, the Chair of the Dog Park Committee, spoke briefly about the search for a new location for the dog park. Committee members offered comments, which touched on the potential impact of management plans, conservation restrictions, etc. Bob reiterated the search will continue and his aim

is to initiate a dialogue. [Kyle Bergeron arrived at 7:17.]

Development Review:

Shelburne Green

Norm Stanislas and Al Nevins appeared in support of Shelburne Green's request for a Subdivision review letter. They provided a wide ranging description of the site and project. [Hannah Frasure excused herself from the meeting.] SNRCC members posed questions regarding the project, with discussion touching on stormwater, land use, and zoning conformance issues. After considerable discussion, Peggy Day moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter indicating the project plans had been supplied and were found acceptable. Fred Morgan seconded. The motion was approved.

[Norm Stanislas and Al Nevins departed the meeting.]

Conservation Projects:

There was a brief review of the proposed subdivision of the Ewing Farm Trust property and associated conservation of a significant portion of the property. Dean Pierce reminded SNRCC members that they 'wear two hats' on occasion and need to keep in mind their roles as 1) reviewers of subdivisions and 2) supporters of conservation projects. A member voiced clear support for the conservation project.

Comprehensive Plan:

Gail Albert reported that a subset of members are continuing their work on the Natural Resources Section. She also briefly described the work on the Future Land use section, which she believes overlaps with the Natural Resources Section. There was also a brief discussion of flood resiliency and mapping.

Fundraising Follow up:

Jon Cocina reported on his efforts to reach representatives of the Charlotte Land Trust. He is waiting for replies. He will provide further updates at the next meeting.

Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee:

In Susan Moegenburg's absence, Dean Pierce provided a brief update limited to a description of the meeting held to introduce owners of large properties to the stormwater utility concept.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Peggy Day, seconded by Kyle Bergeron, and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.