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Natural Resources and Conservation Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Meeting Room 2, Shelburne Town offices

Attendance:

Members Attending

Don Rendall, Kyle Bergeron, Sean MacFaden, Fred Morgan, Peggy Day, Susan Moegenburg [arrived 7:15], Hannah Frasure [student member; does not count toward quorum]

Committee Staff attending

Dean Pierce

Guests/others attending

Jon Binhammer, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Al Karnatz, Vermont Land Trust (VLT)

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don Rendall at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Don Rendall called for approval of the agenda. Peggy Day moved approval of the agenda, with Kyle Bergeron seconding. There was no discussion, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Don Rendall called for approval of the minutes. Peggy Day moved approval of the minutes for June. Sean MacFaden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Open to Public:

There were no public comments.

Development Review:

Dean Pierce briefed the group on three applications scheduled for review by the DRB at their upcoming meeting (Lake Champlain Transportation, Nassar, Vallee). Sean MacFaden asked a question relating to the Vallee project. Dean Pierce elaborated, adding that because the application will be reviewed as a boundary line adjustment it does not require a letter from the SNRCC. Any future subdivision application would require such a letter, however.

Conservation Projects:

Don Rendall noted that the meeting agenda includes an item relating to the discussing of conservation projects. The SNRCC's charge includes making recommendations to the Selectboard regarding use of the Open Space to purchase land or rights in land. Don went on to say "Discussions involving potential

land acquisition can be and often are complex, time consuming, and sensitive to outside influences. I believe others on the SNRCC would agree. I wish therefore to make two motions. The first provides justification for entering executive session, while the second, if approved, would cause the group to enter executive session.” Don moved “that the minutes show that SNRCC has made a finding that premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1).” The motion was seconded by Peggy Day. There was not further discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Don then moved “that the SNRCC enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a matter involving negotiation and/or securing real estate purchase or lease options, as authorized by 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2).” Again Peggy Day seconded. And the motion was approved unanimously. [The group entered executive session at approximately 7:15 pm) At approximately 8:00 pm Peggy Day moved that the Executive Session be closed and the regular meeting resumed. Susan Moegenburg seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan:

Dean Pierce sought input from the group regarding the proposed editing of a paragraph in the Natural Resources section. The group expressed support for Dean’s rewrite of the paragraph.

Lamprey Control update:

Dean Pierce explained Federal officials responsible for administration of the lamprey control program in Lake Champlain and tributaries had been in touch recently. They explained preliminarily that their ideas for reducing chemical treatment in the LaPlatte River by creating a physical barrier had evolved. Instead of manipulating the cascades/falls downstream of the Irish Hill bridge they are now contemplating a small structure located at the bridge site. They will meet with local representatives after the Town has identified a point of contact relating to the bridge.

Fundraising Follow up:

Discussion was deferred owing to Jon Cocina’s schedule change.

Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee:

Susan Moegenburg’s provided an update on the work of the Stormwater Advisory Committee. This included a description of the 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 8:22 pm.