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Natural Resources and Conservation Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Meeting Room 2, Shelburne Town offices

Attendance:

Members Attending

Gail Albert, Peg Rosenau, Kyle Bergeron, Jon Cocina, Sean MacFaden, Fred Morgan, Peggy Day, Susan Moegenburg, Don Rendall [arrived 7:05],

Committee Staff attending

Dean Pierce

Guests/others attending

Bart Frisbee of Sterling Homes

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Gail Albert at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Gail Albert called for approval of the agenda. Peggy Day moved approval of the agenda but amended to discuss Shelburne Day, with Don Rendall seconding. There was no discussion, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Gail Albert called for approval of the minutes. Peggy Day moved approval of the minutes for June. Susan Moegenburg seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Open to Public:

There were no public comments.

Development Review:

Bart Frisbee was invited to address the meeting. He proposed the idea of the Town acquiring Lot #4 of the Irish Hill development and asked if SNRCC would put the idea forward to the Select Board. Much discussion followed regarding the merits of the idea. Gail asked Mr Frisbee to complete the Committee Open Space Fund Analysis and Application form.

On a second development review topic, Mr Frisbee presented early thinking on a subdivision project on Mt Philo road. As the project progresses, SNRCC will be asked for a letter upon review of the sketch plan.

A third development review of the Ewing subdivision of new residential lots followed with Mr Peter Ewing connecting to the meeting by telephone. After discussion of the elements of the proposal, Peggy Day moved that Chair Gail Albert submit a letter approving the design without condition. Peg Rosenau seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Conservation Projects:

Dean Pierce gave a quick status report of the currently proceeding conservation project.

Comprehensive Plan:

Dean Pierce indicated that the Planning Commission was progressing toward its goal of the re-write of the Shelburne Town Comprehensive Plan which needs to be approved early in 2019. A draft version is now being presented in public meetings to gather any additional input. SNRCC'ers are encouraged to attend particularly the August 9th meetings which will deal with the Natural Resources section.

Other Planning Commission item:

Dean Pierce explained the proposed zoning amendment affecting developable land definition and PUDs in Rural District which the Planning Commission is considering in response to a request from the Meunier family. The item will be discussed at the August 9th meeting. Gail Albert urged members to attend and express opinions regarding the impact on rural development.

Brainstorming related to Poison Parsnip management:

The committee discussed the issue and decided to try to post related information which Jon, Peg, and Fred may gather to the Town web pages for the Committee.

Laplatte River 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 attached to the Irish Hill road bridge 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. Details to follow.

Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee:

Susan Moegenburg's provided an update on the work of the Stormwater Advisory Committee. This committee will present its formal recommendation to the Select Board this month. Next action item will be the Select Board to warn a public hearing on the stormwater utility concept.

Fundraising Follow up:

Jon Cocina presented his current thinking after his research efforts suggesting that we not consider creating a new local land trust but continue to coordinate with other area organizations.

Other Business:

The committee decided not to participate in the coming Shelburne Day event but members might join the Planning Commission at their table.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Susan Moegenburg, seconded by Kyle Bergeron, and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

