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Natural Resources and Conservation Meeting

Meeting Agenda

**Natural Resources and Conservation Committee Shelburne Town Offices –Meeting Room 2
7:00 PM Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

Members Attending

Gail Albert (Chair), Don Rendall (Vice Chair), Peg Rosenau, Jon Cocina, Fred Morgan, Susan Moegenburg, Sean MacFaden, Peggy

Committee Staff Attending

Dean Pierce

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Gail Albert at 7:00pm.

Discuss and approve schedule for Minute taking:

Confirmed that Jon Cocina would take meeting minutes.

Review and Approve Agenda:

Gail Albert called for approval of the agenda. Peggy day moved to approve and Don Rendall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review and Approve Minutes:

Gail Albert called for approval of the minutes. It was discussed that the date needed to be updated to September 12th. Don Rendall moved to approve and Peg Rosenau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with the amended date.

Public Comment (for items not on agenda):

There were no public comments.

Development Review:

- Gravel wetland project (discussion of Frances Nesti concerns)

Dean Pierce provided the Committee with an overview of a gravel wetland project that may potentially be built just North of the Shelburne town line in South Burlington. He highlighted that this would be an artificial wetland intended to slow storm water runoff causing erosion issues in a nearby brook. Shelburne resident, Frances Nesti had already expressed concerns about increased runoff following the completion of the Route 7 expansion about 10 years ago and is continuing to see erosion issues. Although there are alternative options in terms of diverting flows, consultants involved have indicated that the gravel wetland would be the best solution. This recommendation is based in part due to the fact that a fishery has been identified in the impacted stream and minimum flows would need to be preserved.

The Committee discussed the situation, but came to the conclusion that this issue and subsequent project is beyond their purview.

Other projects:

Dean Pierce flagged that the Committee should expect to hear about the Irish Hill Road, Whalley property development application soon as a sketch plan is in the process of being developed. The Committee has provided input on this project in the past. Concerns included the fact that the project engineers had the preliminary idea that they should hide houses in the woods

Dean Pierce provided an update that the Ewing project has passed the preliminary plan step and will be coming back for review. The Nature Conservancy's final request for this project will be \$85,000. At this time, the Vermont Land Trust request has not been confirmed.

Dean Pierce also mentioned that the Sterling Homes application will most likely not be filed until the Select Board considers the request to use Open Space Funds to purchase Lot #4. The Board is expected to discuss this recommendation on 10/23.

Budget Discussion:

- OSF recommendation and budget request

The Committee discussed the upcoming need to prepare a budget request for the Open Space Fund. There was discussion about prior year funding and how to approach the request for 2019, knowing that the fund will be used for three purchases in the near future.

The Committee also discussed that it will also need to consider expenditures for the updating of maps (ie. Scenic views map).

The Committee agreed to decide on a final budget request at the November SNRCC Committee meeting.

Conservation Projects (Executive session as needed):

- Preparations for Selectboard discussion of Ewing/Sterling recommendations on October 23

The Committee discussed the need to prepare for the upcoming Selectboard meeting. During this discussion, the Committee agreed that the Open Space Fund application form should be updated to reflect the current Open Space Plan. It currently references the 2006 plan.

Don Rendall moved to authorize Gail Albert to prepare a formal request of funds to the Selectboard and Susan Moegenburg to draft a letter highlighting the ecological importance of the Ewing property. Peggy Day seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Planning Commission items:

- Discussion of Recommended Action priorities

Gail Albert reported on the list of recommended action priorities developed with the help of Don Rendall, Peggy Day, and Susan Moegenburg.

Report on Stormwater Utility Committee activities:

- Susan Moegenburg provided updates. Based on recent meetings, it is likely that the Stormwater utility will be put on hold until 2020.

• Other Business/other updates:

- Chloride monitoring on LaPlatte River – Committee expressed an interest in hearing more about this issue if a speaker is available at the next meeting.
- SBPA meetings on economy – Peggy Day and Gail Albert attended and reported.
- Dog Park committee – The Committee briefly discussed that there may be an effort to leave the town dog part in its current location.
- Dean Pierce shared that there's been a lot of effort to save the Auclair property in South Burlington and recent involvement from an organization called Dirt Capital is making it possible.

• Adjourn:

Peggy moved to adjourn and Peg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.