

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
JULY 26, 2022**

***Hybrid meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Ashooh (Chair); Cate Cross, Kate Lalley, Luce Hillman. (Matt Wormser was absent.)

ADMINISTRATION: Lee Krohn, Town Manager; Peter Frankenburg, Finance Director; Adele Gravitz, Planning Director; Chris Robinson, Water Quality Superintendent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public participating in the meeting included Wayne Elliott, Ken Albert, Tom Zenaty, Jane Zenaty, Linda Riell, Wanda Morgan, Don Rendall, Rowland Davis, Steve Baietti, Miranda Lescaze, Lin Hanson, Doug Merrill, Bob Furr, Ali Shatri, Steve Mayfield, Julie Shatnick, Charlie Kauf, Dubois & King, Barb Johnson, Joyce George, Robin Jeffers, Mark Keeley, Media Factory.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Ashooh called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Kate Lalley, **SECOND** by Cate Cross, to approve the agenda with the amendments to take action to receive the Bike/Ped Connectivity Study and strike the Executive Session from the agenda. **VOTING:** unanimous (4-0); motion carried.

MOTION by Cate Cross, **SECOND** by Mike Ashooh, to add to the agenda a discussion of continued expenditure of ARPA funds to include potentially those employees of the town who did not receive ARPA funds. **VOTING:** 2 ayes, 2 nays (Kate Lalley, Luce Hillman); motion did not carry.

The Selectboard will further discuss use of ARPA funds for covid bonuses at the next meeting.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES

July 12, 2022

Postponed due to lack of a quorum present at the 7/12/22 meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wanda Morgan announced the \$10,000 grant received by the Shelburne Equity & Diversity Committee from the Vermont Covid-19 Response Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation.
- There was public comment in support of Town office and highway employees receiving Covid hazard bonus pay.

6. SELECTBOARD COMMENTS

None.

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Lee Krohn reported:

- Absentee ballots requested to date total 1,694 (672 have been returned).
- Officer Kyle Kapitanski was recently hired by the Shelburne Police. It is hoped that two more officers will be attending the Police Academy.

8. COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT

MOTION by Luce Hillman, SECOND by Kate Lalley, to place the following question on the November ballot for the Town of Shelburne:

- **Should the Town of Shelburne enter into a communications union district to be known as the "Chittenden County Communications Union District" under the provisions of 30VSA82 for the purpose of improving access to broadband services?**

VOTING: unanimous (4-0); motion carried.

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant – Champlain Housing Trust

Lee Krohn briefly explained the grant for the Champlain Housing Trust Harbor Way housing project.

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Cate Cross, to open the public hearing on the VCDP grant application by Champlain Housing Trust for the Bay Ridge housing project at 3164 Shelburne Road. VOTING: unanimous (4-0); motion carried.

The public hearing was opened at 7:17 PM.

Miranda Lescaze with Champlain Housing Trust gave a summary of the project to create a mixed income neighborhood at 3164 Shelburne Road (Harbor Way site) and explained the town's role with the grant.

There was public comment on the increase in traffic on Champlain Drive. It was suggested that this matter is appropriate to bring to the DRB and/or Act 250.

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Luce Hillman, to close the public hearing. VOTING: unanimous (4-0); motion carried.

The public hearing was closed at 7:29 PM.

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Cate Cross, to adopt the resolution for the VCDP grant application authority for a community development grant for the Champlain Housing Trust Bay Ridge housing project. VOTING: unanimous (4-0); motion carried.

10. UPDATE: Wastewater Treatment Plant Consolidation Project

Consultant Wayne Elliott with Aldrich & Elliott gave a brief overview and summary of options to consolidate the town's two treatment plants. The final report by the consultant was issued in 2021. The latest upgrades to both plants were 20 years ago. The infrastructure and equipment are aged and reaching their functional lifespan. The recommendation is to convert Treatment Plant #2 (Harbor Road) to a pump station with preliminary treatment of effluent to be pumped to expanded Treatment Plant #1 (Crown Road). Funding for the project needs to be confirmed. Construction would begin in 2024 and the consolidated system would be operational by 2026. Total cost estimate today is \$33 million subject to increase due to the current supply chain environment and the economy.

Questions/comments:

- Assistance with funding – Best case is 50% subsidy; worst case is 25% subsidy.
- Dilution of material flowing into Shelburne Bay – There will be compliance with all permit limits in place.
- Decrease in energy consumption/increase in energy efficiency – Improvement is expected with better technology and by only operating one treatment plant instead of two.
- Solar or green roofs – These can be considered separately from the consolidation project. The town already contracts for the maximum net metered solar energy allowed under State law (from the library solar panels and other off-site arrays).
- Public comment was made in support of consolidating to Plant #2 (Harbor Road) rather than Plant #1 (Crown Road), and potentially decommissioning the plant on Crown Road. The geography of the site, removal of trees, the increase in noise, the impact of increased truck traffic on the surrounding residences, the impact on real estate value of the surrounding homes, and a suggested small cost difference between expanding the two facilities were cited as reasons to expand the Harbor Road plant.
- Anaerobic processing - The anaerobic option is not cost effective or feasible for the plants and the flow volumes.
- Impact on two bridges for infrastructure to pump discharge to Shelburne Bay – Pipes will be located underground, not hung on the bridges.
- Accept South Burlington wastewater for a charge to offset the cost of the plant expansion project – South Burlington already expanded its facilities.
- Stormwater in the sewage flow and maximizing the decrease in phosphorus going into the lake – There is compliance with all permit requirements. Facilities are operated to the maximum possible.

- Expanding the Harbor Road facility (Plant #2) – Cost will be an issue. A scoping study can be done. Further discussion will be needed. The state will have to be involved.

The Selectboard will do an on-site walking tour of the facilities in August.

11. PRESENTATION: Bike/Ped Connectivity Study Report

Consultants from Dubois & King reviewed the results of the connectivity study that included an inventory of existing and proposed pathways in town and a matrix of 1st, 2nd, 3rd tier projects per the ranking. The projects include sidewalk, bike lanes, shared use paths, trails, crosswalks, bridges.

There was discussion of the path from the village to the beach not having a higher priority and the inclusion in the report of parking to access the paths and wayfinding signs. The map of the pathways should be amended to remove the shared use path on Bay Road since the town already rejected this path (paths that are not under consideration should be removed from the report). There was mention of the transportation value of the pathways from an environmental point of view and getting input from the Shelburne Natural Resources Committee early in the process. It was suggested the report be amended to include removal of the Bay Road multi-use path and elevation in the ranking of the path to the beach. An executive summary of the amended report should be drafted. It was also suggested the bike/ped safety group and the Bike/Paths Committee be tasked with drafting a build-out list in order and priority (five to 10-year plan) and include input from the Natural Resource Committee.

The consultants will finalize the report with the recommended amendments (remove the Bay Road path, increase the ranking of the path to the beach, draft an executive summary). The Selectboard will take action and review concrete next steps at an upcoming meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Cate Cross, **SECOND** by Kate Lalley, to adjourn the meeting.
VOTING: unanimous (4-0); motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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For the Selectboard

08-09-22

Date