

Meeting Agenda
Natural Resources and Conservation Committee
Shelburne Town Offices –Meeting Room 2
7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

- Call to Order: – 7:00
- Annual Reorganization: –7:00 -7:10
 - Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Preliminary matters– 7:10 -7:20
 - Confirm minute taker
 - Review and Approve Agenda
 - Review and Approve March Minutes
 - Public Comment (for items not on agenda)
- Prioritization/Strategizing for advancing bylaw changes recommended in Plan : – 7:20-7:50
 - See material from Don Rendall
 - Consider in context of recent discussions relating to Rural PUDs
- Printing of Open Space Plan: – 7:50-8:00
 - Consider voting on use of portion of Committee ‘annual allocation’ funds
- Regional Conservation Partnership update and mapping: – 8:00-8:20
 - Discuss “Accord” document and offer suggestions on regional ‘conserved lands’ map
- Development Review– 8:20-8:35
 - Collettes subdivision clarification (sketch vs preliminary/final)
 - FYIs: Rice Lumber amendment: Anticipated applications
- Conservation Projects (Executive session as needed): – 8:35-8:45
 - Update on Ewing project
 - Exec Session re: potential conservation project (see motion language on next page)
- Other Business/other updates: 8:45-9:00
 - Paths Committee planting project near pedestrian bridge
- Adjourn: – 9:00, or upon completion of discussion

Selectboard meetings 4/9, 4/23
Planning Commission meetings 4/11, 4/25

Overview:

1. Member makes comments addressing sensitivity of subject matter (“relating to Findings requirement”)
2. Member makes motion to specify that minutes reflecting “Findings”
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second
 - c. Vote
3. Member makes motion to enter Executive Session
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second
 - c. Vote
4. Executive Session entered
5. Executive Session ends
6. Member makes motion to exit Executive Session
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second
 - c. Vote
7. Meeting resumes

Findings:

“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.

“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.”

1st MOTION

“I move 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).”

2nd MOTION

“I move 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).”