

Hi All.

First, I want to thank everyone for showing up in support on Wed evening. I am sure I do not have everyone's email so please pass this around because I want to thank everyone for all their efforts and kind words over the past couple of years. We are all very frustrated by this "process" and unfortunately, "The Process" in itself has wronged the project. I have said to myself, "Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater" Well unfortunately, the DRB threw the baby out because they didn't care. Even in their attempt to think about righting a wrong – agreeing to re-open the hearing – they still had little concern for timing. While they agreed to start the hearing on 3/24, they continued to make comments like, "we'll take testimony and then consider whether we need more information". To me this is code for, "let's see how long we can drag this out". Then when they spoke about closing the hearing in the future and the need to deliberate and issue a new decision, I read this as "we can take another 45 days to issue the decision after closing the hearing". As I said last fall, there are members of the DRB who are afraid to vote "no" but they know that if the process drags-on, the project will die by itself. I guess I should have given-up then, but I had too much faith in the goodness of people and thought that the naysayers would see the light and do what is best for the Town. Guess I was wrong.

SO ---WHAT CAN EVERYONE DO. GO TO THE NEXT SELECBOARD HEARING ON TUESDAY, 3/9. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WAKE ROBIN AND WILL START AT 7 PM. EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD AT ABOUT 7:05.

What do you want to say?? I think you should speak your mind about the travesty of the DRB process: secret deliberative sessions; votes not in public; personal agendas instead of following the

Town Plan; etc. I do not think you should speak directly about the Shelburne Wood project as the actual project is not the purvey of the Selectboard. BUT, membership of the DRB (who is on the DRB) is completely the jurisdiction of the Selectboard. They can take a role in the DRB process by appointing new members (terms of Dick Elkins, Kay Krashaur and Peter Gibbs expire 4/1). I think it should be said to the Selectboard that it is not good policy to have a person sit on both the DRB and the Planning Commission (Dick Elkins and Kay Krashaur). This puts too much power in too few hands.

Good Luck! I will be out of Town but I hope that you, as residents of Shelburne, can help the Selectboard see the light.

Thanks. John