

Shelburne Natural Resources and Conservation Committee

Minutes, February 13, 2019

Dean Pierce, Gail Albert, Kyle Bergeron, Peg Rosenau, Fred Morgan, Don Rendall, Sean MacFaden, Hannah Frasure, Jack Millbank (CEA), John Saar, Amy Saar, Chris Boget, Hayden Smith, Will Perkins, Alice Gardner, Louise Pische, Jed Graef (remotely)

1. Agenda (Don moved, Peg seconded, all approved)
2. December minutes (Don moved, Peg seconded, all approved)
3. January minutes (Don moved, Peg seconded, all approved)
4. Development Review
 - a. Saar subdivision
 - i. Wetland issues resolved with Vermont ANR (Tina Heath)
 - ii. Driveway shortest possible route; will remain gravel
 - iii. Kyle moved for SNRCC letter of approval, Don seconded, all approved
 - b. Sweeney request for subdivision
 - i. Currently two buildings on one lot; original lot will be subdivided
 - ii. No natural resources issues
 - iii. Peg moved for SNRCC letter of approval, Don seconded, all approved
 - c. Whalley subdivision
 - i. No decision yet issued by DRB
 - d. Rice Lumber property
 - i. Site being considered for a Healthy Living store and a town fire\rescue facility
 - ii. No application yet filed
 - iii. Developer and town could enter into an agreement
 - e. Clark\Castle subdivision
 - i. DRB considering removal of “no further subdivision” condition from previous approval. Committee expressed concerns about the precedent of removing a previous condition of approval and its implications for town planning and fairness (the landowner benefited from lower tax appraisal when no further subdivision was permitted).
5. Conservation Projects
 - a. Don moved (Kyle seconded, all approved) to find that a premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage; Don moved to enter executive session (Peg seconded, all approved). Chris Boget, Hayden Smith, Will Perkins, Alice Gardner, Louise Pische, Jed Graef (remotely) invited to attend session. Entered executive session at 7:35pm. Left executive session at 8:13pm (Kyle moved, Don seconded, all approved).
 - b. Ewing project

- i. Preliminary plan approved in both Shelburne and South Burlington. Now at final plan review in both towns. Project is scheduled to be discussed by DRB on March 6.
- 6. Viewshed Mapping
 - a. Sean presented a few ideas for a GIS-based viewshed analysis. He'll continue experimenting with options.
- 7. Planning Commission Items
 - a. Revisions to Form-based Code will be considered now that town plan is complete.
 - b. Shelburne Farms
 - i. Alec Webb appeared at a recent meeting and expressed his opinion that planning in the rural district should be flexible enough to accommodate the farm's future needs.
 - c. PUD zoning proposal approved by Selectboard; 2019 Comprehensive Plan also approved.
 - d. Strategy for advancing bylaw changes recommended by Comprehensive Plan.
 - i. Think of priorities for next meeting.
- 8. Budget Requests
 - a. Ballot item for open space fund will be \$30,000.
- 9. Other Business
 - a. Open Space Plan
 - i. More printed copies are needed
 - ii. The committee has money left in the budget, until July 1
 - b. Regional conservation effort
 - i. South Burlington is interested in developing a cooperative vision for conservation along adjacent Chittenden County towns.
 - c. TNC wetland restoration program
 - i. None currently in Shelburne
 - d. Request for reclassification of wetland on Saar property
 - i. Petition (reclassification from Class 2 to Class 3) complete and will be processed soon
 - e. Climate economy
 - i. No application submitted (missed deadline); it's still an option for future efforts, however.
- 10. Adjourned at 9:30am (Don moved, Fred seconded, all approved).