

Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources and Conservation Committee Shelburne Town Offices – Meeting Room 2

7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Committee Members in attendance:

Dean Pierce, Gail Albert, Kyle Bergeron, Peggy Day, Peg Rosenau, Fred Morgan, Jon Cocina, Sean MacFaden

1. Agenda (Peggy moved, Kyle seconded, all approved)
2. February minutes (Peggy moved, Fred seconded, all approved)
3. Public comment (for items not on agenda) –
 - a. Mike Schramm introduced himself and mentioned that he is a Shelburne resident interested in learning more and potentially joining the committee.
 - b. Michael Koch of Civil Engineering Associates, Inc. asked to add a development project to the agenda and the committee agreed.
4. Development Review
 - a. APC subdivision letter of request – (Wild Rose Circle Property) Michael Koch, Civil Engineering Associates, Inc. presented. Committee agreed that there are no natural resources of note to consider. Peg moved to approve the letter of request as presented, Peggy seconded.
 - b. Koterman Subdivision preview – This project will involve a proposal to subdivide a property on Kelady Drive. No need to make a motion. No application yet filed.
 - c. Whalley subdivision update – Decision on sketch plan has now been issued by the DRB and it includes specific recommendations. Committee discussed that this project will be a PUD. Committee discussed remaining mindful of the open space requirement.
 - d. Clark/Castle subdivision update – Original request to subdivide this property was denied, but there has been a new request. No decision yet issued by DRB. Committee discussed that if approval is granted, this would set a potentially problematic precedent that previous decisions to keep parcels of land intact could also be reconsidered.
 - e. Additional project presented by Mike Koch, Civil Engineering Associates, Inc. which involves the Shelburne Green Property. His clients are looking to create a two-lot subdivision, which will split the Shelburne Green property with the office building on one side and the more food/beverage focused buildings on the other

side. Committee discussed that no natural resource concerns would be associated with this subdivision. Peggy motioned, Kyle seconded.

5. Conservation Projects (Executive session as needed)
 - a. Update on Ewing Project – South Burlington and Shelburne’s final decisions will be coming and the committee is not expecting surprises. There are questions around the timeline for the VLT agreement to move forward given other land acquisition priorities that Bread and Butter Farm is focused on.
 - b. Peggy moved (Gail seconded, all approved) to find that a premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage; Peggy moved to enter executive session (Gail seconded, all approved). Entered executive session 8:15pm. Left executive session at 8:30pm (Peggy moved, Peg seconded, all approved).
6. Printing of Open Space Plan
 - a. Committee discussed a general interest in having printed copies available, but also the high expense. Peg offered to assess new printing options/costs with a hope of making a decision before May. Peggy moved to print more open space plans, Peg seconded.
7. Viewshed mapping
 - a. Sean discussed updating the current 30-year-old viewshed map using new tools and elevation models. He mentioned that there will be a need to translate the technical tools and to represent them in a reasonable way that an average citizen can understand. Gail mentioned that this topic could be an applicable subject for a retreat. Committee decided that viewshed mapping will be a working session and discussion topic at May’s meeting.
8. Planning commission Related Items
 - a. Recent amendments approved by Selectboard – At the March 28th planning commission meeting there will be an agenda item related to discussing concerns about new zoning regulation amendments. Gail encouraged committee members to attend.
 - b. Prioritization/creation of strategy for advancing bylaw changes recommended in Plan - Committee reviewed Don’s recommendations around further prioritizing the committee’s recommendations to the town plan. A potential next step is to develop a subcommittee that will help draft regulations based on the priorities to present to the planning commission. The committee decided that we should continue the discussion with Don in attendance at the April committee meeting.
9. Budget
 - a. Open Space ballot item passed with a high percentage of votes.
10. Other business/updates
 - a. Regional conservation effort – Dean will attend next meeting where they will be expanding the number of people that are invited (will include key land trusts). This group is drafting an “accord” for this effort and towns will have the option to sign on to it. Signing the accord is tentatively on the next Selectboard agenda.
 - b. Future agenda items – Viewshed mapping and revisiting Don’s recommended prioritization of Town Plan items.

11. Adjourned at 9:30pm - Peggy moved, Fred seconded, all approved.