

Meeting Notes
Shelburne Natural Resources and Conservation Committee
7:00 PM Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Attendees: Gail, Don, Bob, Christine, Chandler, Fred
Guests Judy and Roland arrived midway through meeting.

- Meeting began ~7:40 pm, following DRB meeting
- Attendees approved agenda
- Minutes approved, Mike motioned, Chandler second
- No public comment

- Development review: Discussed proceeding of DRB meeting. Overall went smoothly. Gail would like to see all SNRCC members sworn in and making comments. A question came up about possibly sharing the forest map but it isn't finalized yet.

- Updates given on Regulatory Development from attendees of the Aug. 11th Planning Commission meeting. Some successes for SNRCC-
 - SNRCC put in the process during the sketch plan review
 - Much discussion on fences, some accommodations for wildlife movement made
 - Language regarding houses being siting in forests has been removed from regulations.

- General discussion regarding moving from 3 planning meetings to 2. Consensus that it does sometimes make sense, other times it is too complicated and reduces the time for comments. Possibly more categories of subdivisions needed? SNRCC also needs to be involved early on; we should receive sketch plans prior to DRB meeting. Following discussions, Don motioned to send a letter to PC chair and Lee, Mike seconded.

Letter:

1. When Planning and Zoning receives an application, SNRCC should get it to review at our next meeting, with or without applicants present.
2. SNRCC needs to convene with a quorum to discuss sketch plan before DRB hears it, in order to make formal comments.

3. Need to define categories of subdivisions for 2 or 3 step process.

Gail and Don will draft letter.

All approved motion

- Gail mentioned letter written by Jim White following a meeting with him and Gail and Don. They gathered names of people who may want to be involved in natural resources issues and sent the letter to discuss how to be involved.
- Judy and Roland came to discuss forming a Climate Action Subcommittee to work on energy goals of the town/VT. They will start as a working group working with SNRCC.
Bob made motion: The SNRCC recognizes and supports efforts of Shelburne Climate Action Working Group and looks forward to working with the group on a regular basis moving forward.
Mike seconds. All approve.
- Update on map project: perhaps get update on state of S. Burlington project, report back at next meeting
- Meeting adjourned 9:26 pm.