

Shelburne Open Space Committee 1/9/12

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Members present Doug Finn, Gene Butler, Paul Cohen, Joel Dwight, David Schochet, Linda Herrera, Larry Flaccus, Cynthia Boettner, Rita Jaros, Dan Lieberman, Norm Beebe

Joel appointed secretary pro tem

Reviewed and accepted minutes of 11/28/11 as amended with 2 absentations

Discussed the planning board meeting. Doug reported everything is on hold while they gather facts.

Cynthia went over the letter she prepared for the OSC to send to the select board concerning wind energy bylaws in Shelburne and the group commented and made recommendations.

Gene wanted to make sure we were remaining within our ^{purview} ~~prevue~~ in sending our advice to the select board and the group decided we are within our bounds.

It was agreed to send the letter to the ZBA and cc the select board and planning board.

Gene commented that he thought a paragraph should be included that recognizes the loss of potential income to property owners not being able to complete the proposed windmill project.

Paul said he felt the letter was slanted against this particular project.

Rita didn't feel that was a problem and after sharing her views Paul agreed but still thought we should do as Gene suggested and recognize the project was a potential source of income for the landowners involved.

Norm stated we should recognize the importance of alternative energy and the location is a major factor in being displeased with the proposed project.

Larry proposed the wording prospective energy development instead of just wind energy.

The group voted unanimously to use Cynthia's letter, first page as presented and 2nd page as amended. Cynthia will put the letter together and send it to the ZBA with cc's to the Select Board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Ag Commission.

The meeting then moved on to review the status update 1/1/12 for the OSRP five year action plan.

Larry explained how he put the document together to clearly show what had been accomplished and what was left to do.

The first portion was reviewed previously so we began our review at 9-4. David will contact John Herron to find out the status of the Ag Commission. The group reviewed the document through 9-5 and will continue at the next meeting.

Discussion then turned to the recent grant of \$1267.00 from HCI and how to proceed on the spending of that grant.

Rita reported the map laminating project is completed, the library resource holding boxes have been acquired and they are in the process of being filled with material to be placed in the two town libraries.

David then turned to the trail name signs. Paul will order the signs. Linda and Joel will see that they are installed.

David next directed the group's attention to the mailing of informational packets to landowners in Shelburne having 5 or more acres. There will be an introductory mailing with an option to request any ~~of or~~ all of 3 informational packets. We need to acquire mailing supplies and get some of us together to actually fill the envelopes.

Larry told us he did not write a budget request letter to the select board in light of our just receiving a grant. He thought it would be better to do it next year.

Daniel thought we should go ahead with the request even though we just received the grant.

After discussion the group voted to defer the request.

Gene requested everyone look at the following Shelburne zoning bylaws Section 12, 12.1 and 12.1.1, Section 13, 13.3 and section 14 and 14.3.

Next meeting Jan23, 2012 7:00pm Memorial Hall

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joel V. Dwight Secretary Pro Tem