

## Shelburne Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/30/14

Meeting called to order 7:04 pm

Joel appointed secretary pro tem

Members present Rita Jaros, Linda Herrera, David Schochet, Larry Flaccus, Josiah Simpson, Gene Butler, and Joel Dwight.

Josiah reported Jim Richardson is proposing cutting a number of trees along Bardwell Ferry Road along the Cosby property. Rita said she would like to see replacement trees planted when trees are cut down, the group agreed this would be important in the village.

Meeting minutes from 6/2/2014 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Josiah said more applicants are being reviewed for the open seat on the planning board.

David told us Josh Taylor would not be able to make this meeting to report on his Wooded Loop Trail project.

David met with Kimberly and the Wildlife Inventory and Survey for the OSRP needs adjustment and that Wendy Sweetser gave David several sources that he passed on to Kimberley, she hopes to have the plan ready for our next meeting.

Linda has a 2008 book from Mass Wildlife that has an inventory and she will look into that.

The parties that contributed to Section 9 of the OSRP will receive at least a copy of Section 9 and perhaps a CD of the entire plan.

Joel suggested the state be told that 7 years is too frequent an interval for new OSRP's for small towns and perhaps 15 years would be more appropriate. David will look into this.

Larry reported on the Mohawk Orchards cell tower meeting which will be continued on July 29<sup>th</sup>. He told us the site would be 330 ft from a residence however the bylaw calls for 500 ft and the neighbors are concerned about loss of property value. They also talked about concealment of the tower as a silo. AT&T has a plan for locating towers all along Route 2. There was also discussion about placing a tower on town property across from the town garage.

David reported on the garlic mustard pull in the Patten and that they also saw Japanese knot weed and bittersweet.

Larry reported on the gas pipeline meetings and told us there is another more important meeting at the GCC cafeteria where Kidder Morgan representatives would be present but he was unsure of the date.

David noted there are people opposed to the pipeline as part of long term energy policy and not just as a private property and conservation issue.

Larry told us the New York State Supreme Court had recently ruled that towns within New York could zone against fracking within their boundaries but that would undoubtedly be appealed. The group then discussed fracking and other issues involved with gas pipelines.

The Ag Commission is meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> and are wanting to work with us on their Local Farm Products Dinner. Linda reported about the portion of the Ag Commission meeting she attended and David will see if they need any of us to be present at their next meeting.

The group then discussed OSC membership. Paul Cohen has dropped out but suggested his daughter in law may have interest in being on the committee. Dan Lieberman is dropping out and suggested Jonathon Shea. David told us that Russell Davenports position is still open and David suggested it might be good to attract some younger people in order to have a smoother transition over time. Rita wondered if we should go to a smaller committee member number. Joel said he felt our larger size is a positive feature. David is working through some channels to attract more members. Josiah said we need to reach out and show what we do, as an example the OSRP. Linda came up with a quick list of people who might be approached to see if they have any interested in joining the committee. She will speak with Steve Jenks and Terry Mitchell. Joel will contact Cory Young and Brian and Fred Davenport.

Josiah then reported on the tree discussion which just took place between the selectmen and tree warden Jim Richardson. Some trees are to be limbed and others removed. They also said Jim has several trees to replace village trees that are removed. Rita told us the ad hoc tree committee from a few years ago had come up with a list of tree species that could be used as replacements and they might be contacted.

David showed us the latest copy of the booklet published to explain Chapter 61 Programs. He and Wendy Sweetser thought perhaps a public meeting to present this information might be useful. Rita suggested notifying the 5 acre and more list of the new Chapter 61 booklet.

David told us Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11AM there will be a dedication of the Madeline McKinnon field followed by a Shelburne Center potluck meal.

Next meeting Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dwight

Secretary Pro Tem