

Shelburne Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday July 7th 2014

Meeting called to order 7:15 pm

Members present David Schochet, Rita Jaros, Larry Flaccus, Josiah Simpson, Joel Dwight

Joel appointed secretary pro tem

Minutes from 6/30/14 accepted with minor amendments.

David reported on OSRP status. Kimberley was unable to work on the OSRP during the month of July and will finish it after her vacation. There is some question on the Wildlife Inventory and we will work with the previously used material sent to us by Kimberley.

We may try to put together a consortium of like sized towns OSC's to speak to the state about why seven year intervals are too short for OSRPs and a longer time in between might be more appropriate.

David will speak with Kimberley about this.

Larry told us AT&T has withdrawn the cell tower application for the Mohawk Orchards property without prejudice.

Larry then reminded us the Town Meeting passed a nonbinding resolution concerning the proposed gas pipeline and Larry drafted a motion to be considered by our politicians at all levels. The group discussed the pipeline issue, fracking and private property rights. We felt Larry should present his motion to the selectboard and asked that they take a position on it. The motion was passed unanimously.

Larry was appointed to represent the town in the Mohawk Woodlands Partnership with Whit Sanford as alternate.

Josiah reported as Planning Board liaison that the Planning Board has been looking into filling the opening left by Beth Simmons. They met with John Pollard and Will Flanders, the board recommended Will Flanders.

Rita wondered if there should be moratorium on large solar installations until the Planning Board is able to form regulation. A moratorium would be drafted by the Planning Board and have to go through a town meeting process.

Joel reported on Linda and him approaching people about serving on the OSC. They have contacted six people so far without any definite positive results. Joel will speak with Peter Williams. Rita also has a prospect she will approach.

David told the group about Josh Taylors work on the Wooded Loop Trail and the many improvements he and his fellow scouts have made. David thought there might be other trail projects future scouts could participate in. Rita suggested work on the trail from Stan Perry's property to the tower. Larry told us about a lack of easement to the tower across the state forest land.

David met a woman from Trout Unlimited working on the Culvert Project.

David will check with Paul Catanzaro about the new Chapter 61 booklet and see what is in it for new information.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm next meeting 8/25/14

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dwight

Secretary Pro Tem