

## Shelburne Open Space Committee

September 22, 2014

Shelburne Town Hall

**Present:** David Schochet (chair), Larry Flaccus, Rita Jaros, Linda Herrera, John Wheeler

Regrets: none

Guests: Lillian Whitsett

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by David Schochet.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the August 25 meeting were reviewed.

*Action:* moved by Flaccus, seconded by Herrera to accept the minutes as presented with minor typos corrected.

Approved unanimously.

Notes: Herrera sent materials for completion of Josh Taylor' trail project to him and will write a letter of support to the Scout Board

3. **OSRP Update:** status of the OSRP update discussed. Plan is completed, approved and in final printing.

Copies will be requested as follows:

- B&W copies for all OSC members
- Color copies for: Town Clerk, Select Board, Libraries, Franklin Land Trust, Ag Committee, Conservation Committee, Planning Board, Recreation Committee with 3 copies for the Open Space Committee in 3-ring binders.
- OSC will receive copies on CD Rom of Word documents, PDF copies and maps.
- All relevant committees, Boards and people mentioned in Section 9 will receive a B&W copy of that section's Action Plan.

*Action:* Schochet will coordinate with Kimberly for duplication of the plan and maps.

Schochet will arrange with Charlie Heath to post the entire plan on the Town Website, with maps.

Herrera will prepare a list of Section 9 recipients.

4. **New members:** Schochet will consult with Willow Cohen for ideas. Guest Lillian Whitsett expressed interest.

5. **Pipeline:** at the direction of the Committee, Flaccus transmitted a letter with the OSC motion on the Pipeline to the following:

- Senator Benjamin B. Downing
- Representative Stephen Kulik
- Representative Richard Neal
- Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg
- Senator Therese Murray, President
- Representative Robert A. DeLeo, Speaker of the House
- Senator Edward J. Markey
- Senator Elizabeth Warren
- Governor Duval Patrick
- Martha Cokley, Attorney General
- Mohawk Trail Association
- Hilltown Community Rights list serve
- Board of Selectmen
- Agriculture Commission
- Conservation Commission

6. **Culvert Project:** Erin Rogers of Trout Unlimited will be collecting data on culverts and road crossings with Mass DOT and UMass, looking at aquatic organisms and hydraulic capacity and design. Results will be available in the spring, and she is willing to come to a meeting to discuss results and implications. It was suggested that we hold a joint meeting with Select Board, Highway Dept., Conservation Commission and others with her and Art McCuallah from the Silvio Conte Refuge in the spring after the results are tabulated.

*Action:* Schochet will contact Rogers to arrange a meeting in the Spring

7. **Tree Committee:** The Ad Hoc Tree Committee submitted a report to the Select Board March, 2011. As this is an OSP Section 9 Action Item, we will review what the action item is and discuss this at the next meeting.

*Action:* Schochet will contact the Tree Warden and the Select Board to find out the status of the Ad Hoc Tree Committee report and the interest in moving forward with a standing Tree Committee.

- 8. Forest Advisory Committee:** Flaccus attended the first Forest Advisory Committee to discuss goals and plans for achieving a National Forest designation for the area to provide better return to landowners for good forest management practices. There is interest and grant funding to explore a small scale wood processing plan for the area. Next meeting is in November.
- 9. Trails:** Next steps in the trail project were discussed, now that Josh Taylor completed his project on the Wooded Loop Trail.
- Action:* The committee expressed thanks to Josh Taylor. Schochet will send a note of thanks.
- Schochet will send a letter to John Payne asking of his interest in extending the trails on his property.
- 10. Agriculture Commission:** The Ag Commission will sponsor a Harvest Dinner at Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 26 at 6pm.  
(This is a OSP Section 9 Action Item)
- 11. Planning Board:** The Planning Board will hold a joint meeting with the ZBA to discuss priorities for revising the Sign Bylaws, and Natural Resource Planning and Cluster Zoning in the context of the Subdivision regulations.  
The Attorney general approved the Wind Bylaw with minor comments.
- 12. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00pm.
- 13. Adjournment:**
- Action:* The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 on motion by Jaros, second by Flaccus. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Flaccus, Secretary pro-tem