

## Shelburne Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes 1/25/16

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm

Members present Norm Beebe, John Wheeler, David Schochet, Larry Flaccus, Linda Herrera, Tom Miner, and Joel Dwight

Joel appointed secretary pro tem

David called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Minutes from 11/16/15 were reviewed and adopted

David told us the Keystone Forest training opportunity is open to candidates until March 7<sup>th</sup>. He will send out the information to Jim Perry. He then told us about wildlife presentations about bears and cougars on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in Pittsfield. Western Mass AgComm's are having regional meetings January 30<sup>th</sup> at Smith Vocational in Northampton.

We then looked at the proposed town road bylaw. Larry thought a better title could be made than Noise, Earth Removal, and Related Disturbances Bylaw for Large Scale Industrial and Commercial Facilities. Joel expressed a concern about lingering effects of regulation that is prompted by the pipeline construction. Tom agreed but pointed out that if there are no local benchmarks to set precedent then there will be nothing to use to keep FERC from wiping regulations clean without recourse. Larry went over wording comments on the draft that he felt needed to be added. Concern was expressed for more liability for individual persons and occurrences. John related how EverSource had recorded some road conditions on their own and Tom noted how Kinder Morgan would be somewhat different. Tom also said there should be consideration for how these bylaws will affect local usage. Larry will forward his notes and the points we discussed onto the Select Board and we will endorse the bylaw with consideration for our suggestions. David had a copy of the road bylaws which were sent to him which would also be a town ordinance. John will send everyone a copy of these. Larry suggested the Planning Board comments on the road bylaw could be endorsed by us. Tom will send a copy of the draft bylaw to everyone. John will send everyone a copy of Planning Board comments.

We then went on to the Open Space Development bylaw sent to us from the Planning Board. Larry told us there was a total of nine pages. Tom clarified along with Larry which part would need town meeting approval and which would be approved by the Planning Board. The group mulled over the conservation analysis and how it would effect both parts. Everyone agreed the two parts should include all of the information needed to stand on their own without referring to the others contents. Larry and John wondered about the significance of six acres and how the six acres wording applied to adjoining lots. Larry pointed out an OSD parcel would have a seventy five foot setback but setbacks within the OSD could be ten feet. Larry suggested diagrams for the Planning Board public meeting concerning these regulations for clarification and a better understanding. The public hearing will be February 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. The group looked at 19.2.3.2. The general thought was if you could put in a subdivision you could make it an OSD. Tom pointed out that the OSD bylaw was wordy and confusing and he would like to see the content reduced. He thought it would fail to pass at town meeting because it would be hard to understand in its current form. Larry moved we endorse the draft with our changes and forward it on to the Planning Board. Larry's motion was passed.

We then went on to discuss the culvert presentation scheduled for February 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. Tom can not

make that date and we are going to see if a Select Board member can be there. Road boss Mark Shippee can attend. Our usual meeting is on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> but we could swap to Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>. David will find out if there is enough data available to proceed and conduct a meaningful meeting.

Linda asked if anyone from the Ag Commission would be going to the regional ag commission meeting at Smith Vocational School. She thought Launie York might be able to go along with Prudence Wholey.

Norm reported on Mass in Motion being able to develop maps but not trails for lack of enough funding. The Rec Committee met with Mass in Motion's Alyssa LaRose who was interested in trails with a destination. They also got together with Polly Bartlett and Art Schwanger. Alyssa is a land use planner for FRCOG.

Tom spoke about the work being done at the Sweetheart.

David then spoke about the annual report and the budget request.

Larry talked about the Mohawk Trails Woodlands Partnership. The Select Board endorsed it. Larry suggested we send a note to support that endorsement.

Meeting adjourned 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joel Dwight  
Secretary Pro Tem