

Shelburne OSC meeting minutes 1/28/19

David brought the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Members present David Schochet, Larry Flaccus, Jim Perry, Tom Johnson, Norm Beebe, and Joel Dwight.

Joel appointed secretary pro tem.

Melissa Patterson was going to be our guest but couldn't make it.

October and November minutes from 2018 were reviewed and accepted.

Larry sent out notices of upcoming workshop on urban trees in Pittsfield.

There will also be a meeting on the vegetation control plan for power line rights of way Monday, February 4th at 11am at Northampton City Hall.

David asked for new agenda items – there were none.

Although Melissa couldn't make the meeting she asked us to choose two dates and times out of seven to participate in a call with Josh Ryan of Timber and Stone LLC. He is ready to begin an assessment of the trail along the river in town in March. David passed around a sheet for selecting a time when the largest number of us would be available. Everyone had times to be available except for Joel who has to work. The selected dates and times are February 6th from 4-5pm and February 13th from 9-11am. David will contact Melissa with the chosen dates and times.

Melissa also attached a corrected tax parcel map showing what properties might be involved in the new trail. Norm reminded Joel to speak with Bob Spencer about property ownership and the proposed trail. Jane Hannaford will speak with us after the assessment. Larry applied for a grant from FRCOG to help with the trail technical services needed and it is the second most important for the list of grant applications for Shelburne.

Larry spoke with Martha Payne about the Wooded Loop Trail and is going to get her daughters email address and told her we would like to look at the trail in the spring with her daughter and Kurt Benson and that we would also be interested in continuing the trail to the Summit Road on the Mohawk Trail near the Greenfield Shelburne town line.

The Keystone Project will not be the same as usual this year at the Harvard Forest. Instead there will be three half day seminars for people that have already attended the project in the past. One in Westborough, one in Chesterfield, and one at the Harvard Forest. An optional canopy level tour will also be included. Contact David for more information.

Larry will write the Open Space message for the annual report. David will send him notes of this years accomplishments to include.

Jim told us there will be an annual meeting of all partners of the Mohican Mohawk Trail on February 8th from 10am to 12 at the Franklin Land Trust office. They will be putting out a trail map including the river for the first time. Tom asked Jim to send us all an email about the meeting.

Tom reported that the Planning Board is working on things concerning affordable housing. One proposed zoning change would reduce the minimum lot size from 20,000 square feet to 8,000 square feet in the village residential area. There will be a public hearing Wednesday, February 4th at 7pm in the large meeting room in Memorial Hall. There will also be discussions on flag lots and common driveways.

Norm reported the Recreation Committee is working on a plan for making skating available in the village.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dwight

Secretary Pro Tem