

Shelburne Open Space Committee

February 25, 2019
Shelburne Town Hall

Present: David Schochet (chair), Larry Flaccus, Jim Perry, Norm Beebe
Guests: Tony Hall

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by David Schochet. Quorum was not present.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the 1/28/19 meeting were deferred to the next meeting for approval.
Action: Approval of minutes deferred to next meeting.
3. **Grant for Mahican-Mohawk Trail Extension**
Schochet reviewed the teleconference with FLT and Timber and Stone. Contract is being finalized. Expected report will be in May, but a preliminary report should be ready sooner.
4. **Mahican-Mohawk Trail Meeting**
Perry reported on the annual meeting of the Mahican-Mohawk Trail Council and reported on the interest in the Riverfront Trail project to extend the trail. He distributed a new map showing the status of the entire trail project.
5. **FRCOG LTA Request**
Flaccus discussed the DLTa request for additional assistance on River Trail project. Request was rated second priority for Shelburne. B. Giannini (FRCOG) called Flaccus to report that they would be able to fund some of the request for additional mapping, identification of boundaries and graphic services as the DRC Grant had actually been funded for \$6,000.
6. **OSC Membership**
Tony Hall from Barnard Road expressed interest in joining the Committee. He is new in town and would like to contribute. Has experience farming. He was referred to the website for information on OSC including maps, OSC Plan, past minutes, etc.
Action: Schochet will contact him later this month to confirm his interest. He was referred to Select board for appointment if he decides to join.
7. **Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership**
Flaccus reported that the initial work of forming the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership has been completed with approval of the Legislature. Next step is for towns to op-in to the Partnership. Flaccus will ask Select board for vote of approval on March 4, and asked for a letter of support from the Open Space Committee.
Action: By acclamation, the Committee approved the recommendation to the Select board for Shelburne to participate in the Partnership, and asked Flaccus to write a letter of approval.
8. **Annual Report**
Flaccus presented a draft of the OSC annual report for the Town Report. Beebe noted one correction to the table of protected lands. Flaccus said he is waiting for the Town Treasurer to supply totals for the OSC accounts.

Action: By acclimation, the committee approved the draft report with corrections. Flaccus will submit it to the Town Manager.

9. Reports of Committees:

- **Planning Board:** Upcoming hearing on Affordable Housing and proposed bylaw change to cut lot size in town. Flag lot and shared driveway bylaws under review.
- **Recreation Commission:** Rec Committee is looking for a ping pong table donation. Topolski is offering town-sanctioned ice skating on his lot.
- **Conservation Commission:** no member present.
- **Agriculture Commission:** no member present.

10. Next Regular Meeting: Next meeting will be 3/25/19.

11. Adjournment:

Action: The meeting was adjourned by acclimation at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Flaccus, Secretary pro-tem