

Shelburne Open Space Committee
September 23, 2019
Shelburne Town Hall

Present: David Schochet (chair), Larry Flaccus, Jim Perry, Joanie Greenfield, Norm Beebe,
Guests: Garth LaPoint

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by David Schochet.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the 7/22/19 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Action: Motion by Flaccus, second by Greenfield to approve minutes, approved unanimously.

Minutes of the 8/26/19 meeting will be drafted by Schochet for review at the next meeting.

3. **Mahican-Mohawk Trail Extension**

Schochet spoke with Schwenger about meeting with Jane Hanford. She needs to speak with her children about the property. Schwenger and Patterson (FLT) will draft a letter to Hanford regarding the key issues and to clarify the buffer zone and how much land it may take out of development. Melissa will clarify the extension of the Voluntary Trail Access easement program.

Action: Schochet will contact Patterson at FLT regarding next steps, including timeframe for Timber and Stone report and a timeframe for Hanford action.

4. **Wooded Loop Trail**

Perry reported on maintenance on the Wooded Loop Trail(s). He suggests changing the layout of the Orange Trail and reblazing trails where they overlap. Flaccus spoke with M. Payne and she acknowledged the importance of a partnership with the OSC, including their commitments to maintenance this fall. Abutter Garth LaPoint offered to assist with maintenance using heavier equipment. Flaccus will report that offer to Paynes.

5. **Cultural Council Grant**

Boettner suggested that we might apply for a Cultural Council Grant in the area of science/education. Deadline is 10/15/19. Possibilities discussed included trail interpretive signs in areas such as climate change and effects on forest health and invasive species combined with school education and publicity for the trails.

Action: Greenwood will look into the typical grant amounts and Flaccus will investigate the costs for various sign types and how to structure a grant proposal.

6. **Conflict of Interest Training**

Action: You know who you are and what you need to do.

7. **Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership**

Flaccus reported that the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership is now officially formed, and Select board have appointed him to represent Shelburne. First official meeting will be in January, and major task will be focused on getting funding.

8. **2019 Mass Trails Conference**

Conference will be held 10/30-11/2 in Leominster and could be of interest to OSC members.

9. Reports of Committees:

- **Recreation Commission:** Ping pong has started and plans are in the works for softball for spring..
- **Planning Board:** no member present.
- **Conservation Commission:** no member present.
- **Agriculture Commission:** no member present.

10. Next Regular Meeting: Next meeting will be 10/27 /19.

11. Adjournment:

Action: Moved by Flaccus, seconded by Perry to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Flaccus, Secretary pro-tem