

These minutes approved at August 22, 2022 OSC meeting

Shelburne Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes July, 25th, 2022

Larry called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Members Present: Norm Beebe, Joel Dwight, Larry Flaccus, Joan Greenfield, Jim Perry, David Schochet, John Wheeler

Guests: Lara Radysh from Shelburne Falls; Andrea Donlon from FRCOG

Minutes from June 27th were reviewed and accepted with two corrections. Moved by Jim Perry seconded by Larry Flaccus.

Larry called for new agenda items, none were offered.

Trail Brochures/New trail optys: Jim had 2,500 of the Tower Trail map brochures printed and has begun distributing them. Jim reported the Visitors Center has a nice display of brochures. Jim will check on donations there.

Jim reported on 8/15 he, Norm, Helen Payne Watt, and Corey Bailey from Foxbard Farm walked **on two proposed trails on the Payne property**, one of a loop and one that would connect to Summit Drive. They hiked to the top of middle Greenfield Mountain, not quite all the way to Summit Drive because of it being so overgrown. **They all liked the loop trail and Helen thought we should begin with that.** Garth and Jim have laid that trail out and Norm showed the group a map of the proposed trails. Larry wondered if a second stage of **another loop** might be developed to middle Greenfield Mountain. **It was recommended to start with Garth's loop trail which would be fairly easy to make and maintain. Jim suggested this fall might be a good opportunity to make the trail.**

Jim pointed out a parcel of land the town acquired in 2019 across from Davenports gas station that might lend itself to a trail.

Jim reported that there were 14 participants on the Sandy Beaches hike. Both the terrain and the Jim's commentaries were very well received. They were out for about two hours. **The August hike** will be part of the Fire Tower Trail system but not including the Fire Tower. They will meet on Route 2 at Halligan Avenue.

CPA Update:

The CPA was approved at the last town meeting and will be on the ballot in the fall. As a result, the OSC can't take any official position or activity—pro or con—on the matter.

Shelburne Open Space and Recreation Survey:

Andrea Donlon (FRCOG) presented the latest version of the survey for the OSRP. Norm has a few things to nail down with the Rec Committee and then we can move forward. **Larry suggested a few points of**

clarification to indicate the survey is from two separate committees that are collaborating. Larry will be monitoring our OSC emails more frequently. Andrea wondered where completed surveys might be **returned to**. Larry suggested multiple distribution points **and return to the Shelburne Town Office**. Andrea thought **a town wide mailing would cost \$1,500**. Larry said we might be able to **piggyback the survey with another town mailing in January but it might make it quite bulky**. Norm has not yet heard back from **a grant that he applied for from the Woodlands Partnership** that might help with the mailing. Larry noted there are 800-850 households in Shelburne. **OSC members should look at the proposed survey and send any comments to Andrea**. Larry asked if Andrea could format the survey for our next meeting and if we could see a SurveyMonkey version.

OSC Membership:

Joan said **Laurie Wheeler is interested in joining the committee**. Larry will speak with Joan's friend **Peggy Warwick who is also interested** in joining the committee. Larry thought we should consider putting **a line in the survey "advertising" membership openings on the OSC and Rec Committees**. Larry is also going to talk with Rich Andrews and Peggy Warwick about becoming members; David will follow up with Laurie Wheeler.

Larry is still awaiting Bob O'Connor's reply to our request for an extension of one of our approved but unspent state grants.

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee- Norm reported three pickle ball courts have been painted, but all three can't be in use simultaneously.

Planning Board - **John** Wheeler reported they are looking in to sign bylaws, village residential, tag sales and flea markets on Route 2. Later this year they will be looking at master plan economic updates and are hoping to get assistance from FRCOG.

Ag Committee and Conservation Commission liaisons were not present for comments. No correspondence. No visitor comments.

Larry has sent out a notice about the upcoming trail conference.

Next meeting Monday August 22nd. The State has approved continued use of Zoom for meetings through next March.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Perry, seconded by Larry Flaccus.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Dwight
Secretary Pro Tem