

TOWN OF SHELBURNE
Planning Board Walking Survey
Minutes of Meeting Sept. 14, 2016

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board was held on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 51 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls, MA. This meeting also included a walking survey of the Town's Village center.

Present: John Wheeler, Chair Planning Board

Will Flanders

Josiah Simpson

Administrative Assistant: Liz Kidder

Absent: Cam Stevenson

Audience: Joe Palmeri, ZBA, Noah Grunberg, ZBA, Eric Lucentini, ZBA, Heidi Creamer

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. John reported that Cam had notified the Board that he was unable to attend.

WALKING SURVEY: John welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming. John explained that the Board was going to walk through the Village Residential area. For the next year, the Board will be reviewing the Town's Zoning Bylaw to assess how the bylaw – lot sizes, setbacks, use and dimensional table- may be affecting the ability of land owners to meet the housing needs in town. The Board and those in attendance, left the town hall at 3:12pm and returned at about 5:00pm. A brief discussion reviewing what the Board had seen as they walked through the village was held. Will said that he could see a few lots where there might be room to build a small house or an accessory apartment although some locations also had physical characteristics that would limit any new construction. Will suggested that the Board should first discuss whether the town wants/needs to add more housing, including rental housing; then how to structure the zoning bylaw in such a way as to not change the special ambiance of the village. Issues related to accessory apartments, additions to existing houses, sufficient parking for new dwelling units and whether the bylaw should allow for absentee landlord situations were discussed.

John thanked everyone for coming and urged them to submit any additional questions or comments they may have to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY FORESEEN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING – none presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none presented

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING –Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 at 7:00 pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Will and seconded by Josiah.

Vote: 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention by John as Chair of the meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 5: 16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Liz Kidder

Administrative Assistant

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

Spreadsheet containing Assessor's Property Card information

Two google maps of the Shelburne Falls Village

Approved: _____ Date: _____ 1