

**Town of Shelburne Planning Board  
Minutes of Remote Participation Meeting Sept. 23, 2020**

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board was held remotely on Wednesday, Sept.23, 2020 at 7:00 pm using Zoom online software.

Present: John Wheeler, Chair  
Will Flanders  
Tom Johnson  
Cam Stevenson

Administrative Assistant: Liz Kidder

Audience: Larry Flaccus, Susan Flaccus

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. John Wheeler noted he was recording the audio of the meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting:**

**Motion to approve minutes of August 26, 2020, with typos corrected, was made by Will and seconded by Tom.**

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention by Cam since he was not present.

**ANR/Subdivision**

**Larry and Susan Flaccus, 1394 Mohawk Trail –**

**A motion was made to endorse the ANR Application of Laurance and Susan Flaccus for their property at 1394 Mohawk Trail.**

**Made by Will and seconded by Tom.**

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention by John as chair of the meeting.

John said that he will get the mylar and copies signed by the Board members and delivered to Larry Flaccus.

**Special Permit** – the Board noted that no further word on Becky Ashenden’s special permit application had been received.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Telecommunications 5G** – Jonathan Mirin is going to try and have draft bylaw recommendations for review at one of the October Board meetings.

**Zoning Bylaw Revisions for STM 2020 /ATM 2021, Master Plan Economic Development Update, and Planning Board goals for 2020-2021**

John reported that he has been in communication with Roland Giguere, Town Moderator, in preparation for SPTM on Saturday. The written Planning Board report will be handed out along with the warrant articles. Due to the zoom complications, the Planning Board will be holding a public hearing relative to the warrant articles via zoom at 11 AM, prior to the SPTM at 1PM. Roland Giguere, knows that these warrant articles will need a 2/3rds majority vote and that it needs to be a counted vote unless it is unanimous.

Liz had several emails with Deb Andrews that were forwarded to the Board about the proposed bylaw revisions. Deb now understands better the purpose behind each proposed revision but still may be submitting her thoughts on solar for the public hearing. The Board members were copied on those emails.

In looking at issues to address over the coming year, Will said that he would like to see the Planning Board work with the Selectboard to create a definitive list as to which roads are Town Roads so that there are no questions in the future.

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The Board discussed climate change and how it may impact Shelburne due to potential migration from the cities and coast to rural areas. Now that high speed internet is becoming available in West County, there are many examples of people moving to this area and working from home, both in rural Shelburne and the Village. Since this part of New England is less likely to have as severe an impact from climate change as other parts of the country, this creates a new perspective for updating the Master Plan. Will has proposed that there should be a town wide discussion about this and there needs to be more discussions with the Selectboard as well. Will wants to talk to legislators and try to get them involved – it is not just a Shelburne issue. The value of land and houses is becoming unaffordable. Tom said it might mean that more young people will be moving into the Village instead of just senior citizens. Liz noted that the FRCOG has produced a couple of new reports relative to sustainability and resiliency of the Deerfield River Watershed and will send links to those FRCOG reports to Board members for review before the next meeting. Liz contacted Peggy Sloan to see if there were any planning grants available for Shelburne to use for a Town Discussion and Peggy said that the DLTA grants are the only source of such funds and she is not sure if there is going to be funding for those this year.

Liz reported that there has been an inquiry from a Marijuana Law Firm – Vincent Sederberg LLC - asking if the Town was accepting applications for a marijuana delivery business. Liz sent them copies or links to the current zoning bylaw, the proposed revisions being considered to the adult use marijuana section of the Zoning Bylaw being considered on Saturday, and the Shelburne Board of Health regulations. She also asked if they were asking about a business that was establishing a facility within the Town boundaries or if they would be based in a nearby Town and just delivering to residents of Shelburne. They were informed that if they were establishing a physical presence in Shelburne, that they would need a special permit from the ZBA. As of the meeting, the Town has not heard back from that firm.

**COMMITTEE and REGIONAL PROJECT UPDATES**

**FRCOG** – no report.

**Open Space** – another email was received expressing more concerns about the trail and it’s impact on the neighbors who are not abutters.

**Other Town Board updates** – nothing presented

**Other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting-** nothing presented.

**Read Mail** – Liz checked the mail last week and there was only a large number of legal notices from neighboring towns.

**Public Comments**—none presented.

**Schedule next meeting** - The Board will meet remotely again on Saturday at 11am for the public hearing and then the next Board meeting will be held remotely at 7pm on Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

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

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention by John as Chair of the meeting

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

Liz Kidder  
Administrative Assistant

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS:**

Flaccus ANR