Town of SHELBURNE

Planning Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting via Zoom ~ May 17, 2022

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board was held remotely via Zoom, on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John Wheeler

Will Flanders (arrived 6:40 p.m.)

Cam Stevenson

Tricia Yacovone-Biagi

Seth Wilschutz

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Bob Kingsley

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair John Wheeler, who noted the meeting was being recorded.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Cam, seconded by Tricia, to approve the minutes of May 3. Roll call vote: Cam – aye; Tricia – aye; Seth – aye; John – abstain. Motion passed 3-0-1.

**Mail**

Notices from the Towns of Greenfield and Deerfield, emails from John Taylor and Bob Kingsley.

Bob’s email asked why there was nothing about cannabis in the Agriculture section of the bylaws. The reason is that the law says that cannabis is not considered to be an agricultural product. The law is referenced in the footnotes.

**ANR Plans/Subdivision**

Nothing new to report.

**Zoning Relief/Special Permit Applications**

None

**Appointments**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CPA** – A public forum was held on May 5. By mistake, the forum was not recorded.

**Master Plan/Economic Development**

Nothing new to report.

**Resilience Plan** – Will and Tricia now have all the material from Andrew Smith. It would need to be reviewed by the Planning Board, then by the Selectboard. This cannot be done in time for the upcoming round of applications. The plan is to work on this project over the summer and be ready for the fall application deadline.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bylaw Feedback from John Taylor** – John Taylor had sent an email sharing his thoughts on the proposed change to the bylaws regarding Findings. He had made quite extensive changes to the wording that had been brought to the Public Hearing. It was felt that John’s changes were too great to simply accept. John is an alternate member of the ZBA, but he made it clear his changes were his own, not that of the ZBA. Town Counsel had already approved the wording as presented at the Public Hearing. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the wording as is. More changes can always be made in the future. John will be thanked for his input but his changes were too extensive to be incorporated at this late date.

**Committee and Regional Project Updates –** A FRCOG meeting on May 26 will discuss Mass Woodlands’ forest climate resilience plan.

The Open Space Committee is working with the Town of Rowe on a climate resilience project.

**Other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting –** Cam has definitions which explain the difference between tag sales and flea markets. Greenfield has a tag sale bylaw. This may be something to consider in the future.

**Public Comments**

Bob Kingsley was concerned about marijuana being able to be grown in greenhouses and would like Shelburne to have a moratorium on marijuana. It was explained that all marijuana facilities would be required to go through the Special Permit process as no such facilities are allowed by right in Shelburne. Many town Boards would have to approve any marijuana facilities and it would all be a public process. Shelburne did have a moratorium in the past while the marijuana bylaws were being crafted.

Tricia was congratulated on finishing her MS from Northeastern University and for being inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society.

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on June 7, at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:39 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tricia and seconded by Cam. Roll call vote: Will – aye; Cam – aye; Tricia – aye; Seth – aye; John – abstain. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant

**List of Documents:**

Minutes of May 3

Email from John Taylor