Town of SHELBURNE

Planning Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting via Zoom ~ May 14, 2024

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board was held remotely via Zoom, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John Wheeler

Will Flanders

Faith Williams

Tricia Yacovone-Biagi

Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Absent

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chair John Wheeler, who noted the meeting was being recorded.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Will, seconded by Faith, to approve the minutes of March 19. Roll call vote: Will – aye; John – aye; Faith – aye; Tricia – aye. Motion passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Faith, seconded by Will, to approve the minutes of April 2. Will – aye; John – aye; Faith – aye; Tricia – abstain. Motion passed 3-0-1.

**Mail, Memos, and Other Correspondence –** None.

**ANR Plans/Subdivision** – None.

**Zoning Relief/Special Permit Applications** – None.

**Appointments –** None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2023 Bylaw Update** – No one had checked, but it was assumed that the updated 2023 bylaws were now on the website.

**MVP Planning Grant** – The planning grant has been completed. The action grant is tabled until the next cycle. This item can now be removed from the agenda. The MVP group will reconvene later in the summer. Stakeholder meetings will be held to discuss what each group needs to do and the cost.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Annual Town Meeting results** – Both the SPGA and the trails articles passed unanimously. More discussion had been expected. Faye and Joe Judd will now send the information to the Attorney General’s office.

**Discussion of planning for next year** – Before Town Meeting John had discussed the idea of codifying the role of the Planning Board. The Selectboard felt putting a description on the website was sufficient. Will does not agree, saying that he thought it should be a town decision, not something a future Planning Board could easily decide to change. Tricia agreed that a board should not be able to just decide on their role and post it on the website. Will said that he was fine if the Selectboard wanted to remove the part about the Planning Board getting grants but he would like to get it in writing that the Planning Board would focus on resilience. Some board or committee needs to take the lead on resilience planning. Will said it is important for some group to look for funding with which to follow through with any plans the Planning Board might make. An idea would be to have a group that looks for grants, which is different from someone who would actually write the grants. The Selectboard will be asked to put the role of the Planning Board article on a warrant for a future Special Town Meeting.

John sad the Selectboard had suggested that the Planning Board might want to look at reducing lot sizes. That idea did not go over well when it was suggested a few years ago. Buckland has just approved reduced lot sizes. Buckland’s bylaw will be studied and the people who were opposed to reduced lot sizes a few years ago will be consulted

The Selectboard also mentioned short-term rentals. Will is not sure there is a problem with short-term rentals. It is not known how many there are in Shelburne. The short-term rental bylaw, just passed in Buckland will be studied and the board will try to find out if there is a problem that needs fixing.

The Board will continue talking with Kimberly Noake-MacPhee, who is scheduled to attend the June meeting.

**Committee and Regional Project Updates –** The FRCOG will be holding a housing plan listening session, at GCC from 2 to 4 p.m., on May 16. The next FRCOG Regional Planning Board meeting will be on May 23

**Two Town News** – Nothing this month.

**Other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting ­**– The only person to express interest in joining the board was Paul Hollings. The board agreed to keep meeting via Zoom.

**Public Comments –** None.

**Schedule Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be on June 4, at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:10 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Will and seconded by Faith. Roll call vote: Will – aye; John – aye; Faith – aye; Tricia – aye. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant