

## Shelburne Open Space Committee (OSC) Minutes 7/23/12

### Attending:

Larry Flaccus, Rita Jaros, Joel Dwight, David Schochet, Josiah Simpson (pro tem), Doug Finn, Linda Herrera, Daniel Liberman, Tom Miner (interim liaison from Conservation Commission)

Meeting called to order 7:07PM

Minutes from 6/25 accepted

### Conservation Commission:

OSC invited Tom Miner to talk about the Conservation Commission's (CC) role implementing the Wetlands Protection Act.

The Wetlands Protection Act includes protective measures towards wetlands, wet meadows, streams, and rivers.

- When development projects are proposed the CC is tasked with deciding if a Request for Determination (RDA) is applicable there. If an RDA is issued, a public review is held and the CC makes a determination.
  - "Positive" assesses if there is impact or likely impact and followed by a "notice of intent"
  - Negative determination means no impact but there can be "conditions" like use of silt barriers etc.
  - There may be an "order of conditions" (approval for go ahead) or further construction denied

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reviews the CC's filings

Discussion followed about the overlap between The OSC and the CC in the Open Space and Recreation Plan and its focus, landowners opting in or out of the Chapters, etc.

### Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP):

- OSC identified maps of Shelburne it needs, and wants updating help from Kimberly McPhee, Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG).
- OSC doesn't have the tech expertise to generate the GIS maps required for the OSRP
- Ms McPhee looked into what the State requires for updating and found 1 or 2 (map titles not mentioned)

NO update about David's request for prioritizing FRCOG's assistance as the grant money ends Dec 31, 2012.

OSC is considering holding an "Open Forum" workshop to hear the sentiment of Shelburne residents about open space, identify open space

areas most cherished, and ultimately help direct a following questionnaire that will follow the workshop to dig further into the issue.

- This idea was supported by Mrs. McPhee.

— Daniel has a colleague who is a professional facilitator, and he may help the OSC's workshop efforts.

— Deb Andrews was mentioned as a possible organizer for attracting public attention for the Open Forum

— Organize for Workshop now: David recommends that we start informing Shelburne residents to attend.

- OSC still needs to determine date for workshop... after harvest period but before deadline??? Oct. 1 for Workshop followed by a generated questionnaire two weeks later... have all questionnaire work finished by the end of November.

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— David will look for sample questionnaires related to this topic

#### Planning Board Update:

— The Planning Board is thinking about requesting the OSC's input and/or assistance to its work on wind and sub-division regulations revisions and updates.

— Planning Board's focus is to create a Revised sub-div regulations and new regulations around wind energy for residential use.

— The OSC is interested in requesting the Subdivision regulations/revisions because of the relevance to open space.

— David asks OSC if we should direct the Planning Board to model by-laws (conservation by-laws) that balance development with open space.

- OSC needs to gather more info re: Planning Board's plans and goals are for their bylaw/regulation work.

#### Shelburne Trails Brochure:

Rita reports \$11.02 for the Shelburne Trails Brochure!

#### Trail Blazing:

— David was going to talk to John Payne about clarifying/replacing some of the blazes and signs on Mr. Payne's land.

- 26 tree signs are on John's land (wooded loop trail). Joel and Linda are going to place "Here You Are" map signs in two locations on the trail, and are committed to complete this year by August's meeting.

#### Invasive Plant Action:

Cynthia informs OSC of Stilt grass (*Microstegium vimineum*) in Conway and in other places in the region.

The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife refuge is supporting NE wildflower society to stop this new invasive.

August 9, 10, 11, 20, (25 tentative).

Meeting adjourned 9:55PM