

Shelburne Open Space Committee Meeting August 27, 2012

Present – Gene Butler, Cynthia Boettner, Larry Flaccus, Daniel Lieberman, David Schochet, Joel Dwight, Linda Herrera, Norm Beebe and guest Debbie

Called to order at 7:05pm

Subcommittee met and put out word to FRCOG about OSR Plan, have not heard back from them. Larry thought Kimberly from FRCOG could start on the maps portion of the project without our input. They do want to start on a recreational resource map which would involve our input and FRCOG seems to have put a real emphasis on the recreation program.

David asked Larry to contact Kimberly and see if there is a start being made.

Cynthia feels that FRCOG is really deciding the orientation of the plan and some of the things we feel are important might be bypassed.

Larry asked for 3 of the best surveys from around the state to use as a guide to form our survey and has gotten no response.

Larry and Cynthia said they didn't feel the update of the OSR plan would be nearly the workload of accomplishing the original.

David stated that we should identify the separate things that need to be accomplished.

Linda started to contact some ag oriented people to be a part of the planning and has gotten some support along those lines.

Larry suggested really nailing down dates and locations for meetings so we have something concrete to build on and suggested having a meeting on a weekday evening.

Gene asked what we could expect in return for our work.

David suggested several things – people in town would become more interested in the things involved in this plan and people would become aware of their feelings toward development, etc. in regards to Shelburne.

Cynthia said the original meeting should ^{inform} ~~form~~ the survey to be mailed out to residents to form the basis for the plan.

Norm said the last time most things really came down to a consensus.

Gene noted we should consider the costs to the town that would be influenced by things that are included in the survey and plan.

David agreed the goals need to be realistic.

David suggested a timeline to build off of.

Joel asked if Kimberly is being used for this same task by a number of towns at the same time, thereby slowing her down in responses to our needs.

We decided an evening meeting with Kimberly would be most convenient for more members to attend and be involved.

Larry will meet with Kimberly. Larry wants to show what we have accomplished as a background for the visioning session as a guide to build off of.

Dates were then presented for a choice of meeting times, Oct 16, 17, 18 with a backup of Oct 23, 24, 25 to find a date most suitable for the greatest number of people.

The group decided the Grange might partner with us on this project and we could use Fellowship Hall.

David will speak with Roland Giguere about the Hall meeting time plan 7-9 and maybe go over to 9:30.

Cynthia thought we might let people know through the town wide phone system.

Linda wanted clarification on the communication plan.

Larry suggested a flyer on a table for the primary voting people that will come in, he will work on a communication plan.

Larry suggested we should establish some focus group areas to shape the visioning session so groups at the meeting could breakout to come up with ideas for separate areas of interest.

Gene suggested we get a mix of people in each breakout group and discuss all the main topics to get a more rounded opinion.

Cynthia and David shared that the breakout groups need to be kept on focus.

Larry put forth 3 focus areas – Ag and Forest, River, Recreation

Cynthia added Historical

Gene asked if we could get representation from all the town boards to participate in the process.

Cynthia thought we should send a special invitation to all board and committee members

Gene added we need to be inclusive of anyone with an interest

Norm stated we need to get the interests or focus to develop the survey and that the last time many issues were discussed and broadened the survey

David will look into the robo call use

David then spoke about what the Planning Board is up to – Wind, Subdivision proposals from the past and subdivision ideas from other towns

David spoke about cluster housing type development. The Planning Board would be interested in us doing some research and present what other towns are doing

Larry said FRCOG would have access to all the bylaws from the various towns.

Norm thought it was good the Planning Board is interested in cluster development issues. So the group agreed to help the Planning Board and some information could come out of the visioning session.

Russ Davenport has stepped down, opening a vacancy.

Linda said Joanne Herron has shown interest and Linda will tell her to write a letter to the selectmen

Anyone who has an idea about anyone who would be interested in the position should let David know

Linda asked how the number of seats on each board is determined. Larry said some is decided by the town and some are state mandated.

David told the group the Highlands Community Initiative is doing one last production – a book and will be having a farewell reception at someone's house in Worthington

HCI grant has been tallied and we may have as much as \$400- \$420 left to apply elsewhere. David will talk to Wendy about that. The money might pay for the mailing of the survey.

The group looks at the signs to be posted on the wooded loop trail to prevent folks getting lost

Cynthia spoke about the volunteer effort in Conway to take out Japanese stilt grass. Cynthia said a windshield survey was done on all the roads in Conway. It is also been found in Greenfield on South Shelburne Rd. It is definitely more wide spread than originally thought.

Our guest suggested looking at a book called World Café about how to share ideas with other groups. She suggested emails and personal phone calls have been most productive in this area.

David said we got a mailing about an Emerald ash borer conference in Dalton on Sept 18 at Crane model farm and he will send a link to everyone.

Meeting adjourned 9:53pm