

Shelburne Open Space Committee
August 28, 2017
Shelburne Town Hall

Present: David Schochet (chair), Larry Flaccus, Jim Perry, Arlene Patenode, Tom Johnson, Linda Herrera (7:12 pm), Norm Beebee (7:15pm), John Wheeler (7:12pm)

Regrets: none

Guests: David O'Neil, Whit Sanford

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by David Schochet.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the 7/24/17 meeting were reviewed. Johnson corrected the affordable housing minimum to 10% and noted that Shelburne is about 5%

Action: moved by Flaccus, seconded by Johnson to accept the minutes as corrected.

Approved unanimously.

3. **Announcements**

- Mass Audubon Trail Building Skills Workshop Oct 6-6 at Arcadia
- Mass Trails Conference November; Perry may attend. Flaccus suggested reimbursement for some expenses; Perry declined.
- Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership update mailed out. Flaccus reported key issues are air quality and wood pellets. UMass conducting air quality research.

4. **Village Tree/Historic Walk:**

Discussion continued on the Village Tree Walk/Trail with the potential to expand it to include historical features, and to coordinate with FRCOG on their walking map.

- Guest Sanford offered support of the Village Network Facebook Page (300 viewers) to promote OS activities and get word out about the trail
- Schocket distributed FRCOG Walking Map which provides discussion sample and material but needs some corrections.
- Flaccus presented a draft of the proposed map/brochure showing possible layout of historical building information, trees and map. Much discussion followed. Key questions:
 - Is this about "Shelburne" or "Shelburne Falls"?
 - Should the text about Shelburne reflect the village of Shelburne Falls?
 - Does the photo of the Stone Fire Tower overlooking the SF Village represent the town?
 - Can we show all the trees and historic sites on one brochure?
 - How to incorporate Buckland side, such as trees, Trolley Museum, etc.
 - The Bridge of Flowers, Iron Bidge and Pot Holes link the village.
 - Are there historic buildings on Buckland side?
 - What about the Pratt Memorial Building (Arms Library)?
 - Should Memorial hall be shown?
 - Should Cowell Gym be shown?
 - Should this tie in with Shelburne 250th with town seal shown?
 - Are all the trees sited correctly? Should we drop Tamarack by Sweetheart/Perry?

Action:

1. Schochet and Flaccus will discuss the map draft with Ryan at FRCOG
2. Beebee will send to Flaccus one-liners for Memorial Hall, Pratt Library Building and Cowels Gym
3. Perry will rereview tree locations on map and confirm with Flaccus
4. Flaccus will revise map draft to incorporate sentiments of group as feasible

5. **Riverfront Trail Proposal:**

- Johnson reiterated that there was unanimous support by the abutters for a trail along the riverfront if access were developed from below through the Mahew Steel property. He discussed the issue with Ambrose Mweh who has no problem with access over that property.
- Judd reconfirmed that Deerfield Ave has a right of way through the Mahew property

- Schocket reported that we are awaiting potential sale of Chris Singly property and discussion with new owner about access.

6. Reports of Committees:

- **Planning Board:** Housing survey as precursor to town housing plan will be distributed soon. PB working on zoning related to Marijuana cultivation and sale and a Parking Survey.
- **Recreation Commission:** Tennis courts paved, soon to be lined.
- **Conservation Commission:** no report.
- **Agriculture Commission:** no report

9. Next Regular Meeting: Next meeting will be 9/25/17.

10. Adjournment:

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 on motion by Herrera, second by Perry.

Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Flaccus, Secretary pro-tem