

TOWN OF SHELBURNE
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting May 8, 2019

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 51 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls, MA.

Present: John Wheeler, Chair

Will Flanders

Cam Stevenson

Tom Johnson

Administrative Assistant: Liz Kidder

Audience:

Absent: John Shulda, Linda Vight

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2019 pre-town meeting at the Grange was made by Tom and seconded by Will.

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention by John as Chair of the meeting.

ANR Plans – 535 Mohawk Trail

The Board reviewed actions taken at Annual Town Meeting (ATM). The proposed Common Driveway bylaw was passed by the necessary 2/3 rds vote. The proposed revisions to the definitions for frontage did not receive the necessary 2/3 rds vote, only a majority vote. The Board explained to Mr. Shulda and Ms. Vight that they could not sign their ANR that would include a common driveway because under the existing frontage definitions, they do not qualify for an ANR. The Planning Board said that they would ask for an allocation of time for Will to talk with Town Counsel to get advice on the best approach for the property owners to take so that they can divide their lot--would they have to apply for a 2 lot subdivision, or would they now meet the criteria necessary for a variance.

Special Permit/Variance Applications – the Board reviewed the criteria for granting variances by the Special Permit Granting Authority.

Review of Annual Town Meeting votes relative to Zoning Bylaw Revisions – the Board reviewed actions taken during ATM the previous evening. The Board discussed strategies for increasing public input and support for future proposed revisions.

Read Mail—the Board read mail as listed below.

Public Comments—none presented.

Schedule next meeting –Wednesday, May 22, 2019 with Alyssa Larose on the agenda.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom and seconded by Will.

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention by John as Chair of the meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Liz Kidder

Administrative Assistant

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

Approved: _____ Date: _____ 1

Legal notices from neighboring communities: Greenfield-5