Town of SHELBURNE

Planning Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting via Zoom ~ June 7, 2022

A duly posted meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board was held remotely via Zoom, on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John Wheeler

Will Flanders

Cam Stevenson

Tricia Yacovone-Biagi

Seth Wilschutz

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Enzo, the cat

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair John Wheeler, who noted the meeting was being recorded.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Tricia, seconded by Cam, to approve the minutes of May 17. Roll call vote: Cam – aye; Tricia – aye; Seth – aye; Will – aye; John – abstain. Motion passed 4-0-1.

**Mail**

Notices from the Towns of Greenfield and Deerfield, emails from Tom Johnson.

Tom’s email expressed concern that large signs would be permitted in the Village Residential area. Currently the home-based business bylaw limits sign size in the VR. It was also mentioned that serval types of businesses are allowed in the VR with Special Permits. Tom also felt that 12 square feet was too large for a sign in the VR.

The sign bylaws will continue to be reviewed but it is not easy to amend a warrant article on Town Meeting floor so further changes to the bylaw would be better taken up next year.

**ANR Plans/Subdivision**

The Board reviewed an ANR for the Betty Manners Estate. The original lot is being divided into four lots. Each lot will be greater than two acres in size and all have more than enough frontage. A motion was made by Will, seconded by Tricia, to approve the ANR for the Betty Manners Estate, Roll call vote: Cam – aye; Tricia – aye; Seth – aye; Will – aye; John – abstain. Motion passed 4-0-1.

**Zoning Relief/Special Permit Applications**

An application for a Special Permit has been received from S & N Logging on Zerah Fiske Road. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Appointments**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CPA** – The warrant article from FRCOG is more extensive than expected. Will will be making clarifications. It has been advised that the town should not create a CPA Committee at this time in case the CPA is not approved in November. If approved, CPA funds would not start to accumulate until July 2023 and the committee could be on the warrant for 2023. It will be suggested that the committee article be passed over for this year.

**Master Plan/Economic Development**

Nothing new to report.

**Resilience Plan** – Tricia attended a Forest Climate Resilience meeting sponsored by FRCOG. The presenter would be willing to speak with the Board. Tricia said the program looks to be well thought out. Foresters are being trained to work on climate resilience plans. There is a possibility of state funding for landowners with 10 or more acres of forest who participate in the plan. The Board should investigate this further.

Will has heard from Andrew Smith. The next application period may be this fall or possibly not until next spring. Will and Tricia will try to get an application ready for fall.

Will has signed up for a course called, “Developing Soil Sponge.” There is money in the training budget to reimburse Will. A motion was made by Cam, seconded by Tricia, to reimburse Will for his “Soil Sponge” course. Roll call vote: Cam – aye; Tricia – aye; Seth – aye; Will – abstain; John – aye. Motion passed 4-0-1.

**Bylaw Changes** – Will had a discussion with John Taylor. John’s objection to the proposed bylaw change regarding Findings is that it will make people who only need a Finding go through all the procedures now required for a Special Permit. It was felt that it is too late to make changes or amendments to the article at this point.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Meeting Handout –** Seth has made some changes to the handout which was approved by consensus. Seth will get 100 two-sided color copies printed.

**Clean Energy Extension’s Community Planning for Solar Project** – Tricia has read about this project. Five to ten communities are being recruited to participate. Tricia will contact UMass for more information.

**Committee and Regional Project Updates**

None

**Other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on June 21, at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cam and seconded by Will. Roll call vote: Will – aye; Cam – aye; Tricia – aye; Seth – aye; John – abstain. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant

**List of Documents:**

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