

Shoreham Planning Commission Minutes  
May 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Attendees: George Gross, Molly Kerr, Linda Oaks, Linda Larrabee, Carl Siebecker, Carrie Marini,

Public Attendees: Peter Lynch-Selectboard member, Barb Wilson -ACSD school board member

Zoning Administrator: Robin Conway

Meeting started 7:04pm.

**Agenda:**

1. Public Concerns:
2. Reviewed and approved minutes as amended from 4/25/2022. Linda L made a motion to approve and Carl seconded.
3. Guest-Barbara Wilson updated us the status of the Shoreham Elementary School:
  - a. Right now School Board not discussing school closure, but will come up in future. Now also talking about MUMS and MUHS. State has new equalized pupil guidelines which will have an impact on us. At facilities meeting Truex Collins finally gave a positive view of Shoreham Elementary. Cost per square foot is much lower at Shoreham than other schools. Barb is on the Facilities and Finance Committees for the ACSD school board.
  - b. Also our current principal is leaving at the end of the year so she is on the hiring committee which currently has two candidates.
  - c. Bill 8727 has passed – legislative website shows how it is making it so difficult to withdraw from a district.
4. Linda L, mentioned the Future Housing in Shoreham Village Conceptual Plan was nominated for VT planners for an award, but didn't get it.
5. Linda L did talk with Julie Ortuno -Town Clerk – that the Farnham Task Force meeting minutes were all posted and no secret meetings.
6. VLCT meeting minutes best practices for our meetings-George connected with a Municipal Assistance Center attorney who said the more we disclose the better. A paragraph for each discussion or hiring a scribe. Depending on the topics and how controversial they are depends on what is recorded.
  - a. We set up the recording for this meeting halfway through so will see if that works better.
7. Town Plan: V Educational Facilities: page 31
  - a. This - this was written in 2016. Molly will ask how many homeschoolers we have currently.
8. Energy Plan- George created a draft for the Vantage Point we discussed last meeting. Comments from PUC and Supreme court decisions. There are public vantage points and private vantage points.

- a. Public=scenic overlook, adjacent vantage points – both need a vantage point that needs aesthetic mitigation.
  - b. Also suggested having a Land Use budget for solar arrays.
  - c. Linda L. will review with Maddy at Regional Planning.
9. Linda L. gave an update on Zoning. New map has 47% of conserved property. Thinking of expanding Village Residential District, reduce amount of LDR (500' on roadways).
10. Carl indicated the Chair of Maple Broadband is presenting 5/25/22 to the Selectboard.

**New Business** - none

Carl made a motion to adjourn and George seconded. Meeting ended at 8:51 PM.

Next meeting is June 20, 2022 at 7pm – Zoom.