

Shaftsbury Planning Board
Shaftsbury Town Hall
Buck Hill Rd at 7:00 pm
DRAFT Minutes for the Regular Meeting
March 13, 2012

Members Present: David Spurr (Vice Chair), Abigail Beck, Norm Gronning, Bill Pennebaker

Members Absent: Chris Williams (Chair)

Others Present: Jennifer O. Viereck (Zoning Administrator), Sandra Mangsen (Recording Clerk), Mary Beth Maguire, Trevor Mance, Jay T. Palmer, Jeri Schoof, Mitchell R. Race, Joanne M. Race.

1. Call to Order

The vice chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m

2. Commercial composting facilities – Bill Pennebaker

Bill Pennebaker distributed a revised draft of the proposed bylaw, noting the changes he had made.

The matter of how to measure and regulate the impact of odor, dust and bio-aerosols was discussed at length. Measurement of impact would seem critical if approval of any application to reduce increased setbacks attendant on expansion of a facility is made to depend on associated changes in impact.

Abigail reported on a variety of studies of composting facilities, especially in terms of methods of measuring such impact. She responded to questions and comments from the committee and the public. She noted that there is a lack of sufficient data on the health effects of long-term exposure to low concentration of bio aerosols.

The committee hopes to produce a final draft consideration at its first meeting in April.

3. Historic District bylaw – Norm Gronning

Norm Gronning is working on a revised draft. He noted that several other small towns have benefited from designating historic districts. He envisions the formation of an historic preservation committee, which would likely work with the existing Shaftsbury Historical Society.

Jennifer Viereck noted that Arlington has an active historic preservation group; Norm hopes to consult with that group as he develops his proposal.

4 Other Business: There was none.

5 Adjournment

MOTION: Bill Pennebaker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Norm Gronning. Carried, 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Mangsen (Recording Clerk)