

MINUTES OF THE SHAFTSBURY PLANNING BOARD
September 8th, 2009
COLE HALL
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT

Board Present: Craig Bruder, Bob Carter, Bill Pennebaker, Norm St Onge.

Board Absent: Chris Williams

Others present: Norm Gronning, Megan Wick-Albert (recording secretary).

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

2. Old Business:

A. Building in the right of way:

1. The appeal mechanism was discussed and will be added to the project list. The current wording is fine. This matter will be addressed at the next revision of the by-laws.

B. Curb cut language:

1. Craig went to the Selectboard meeting and Jake brought in what the DRB drafted for the town highway access ordinance. In Section 4C, they felt it would only be necessary if it is a commercial or major project. This section and ordinance as a whole will be proofread and brought back with suggestions. David Newell will be asked to review Section 4C.

C. Sign Ordinances:

2. Some items were added to the sign ordinance section of the town plan which include considering vending machines, historic signs and the size and sides of signs allowed. The Zoning Administrator would enforce this. The sign ordinances draft created by Bob will be revised and sent via email for everyone to review once again. He will also bring in an example piece of cardboard to determine appropriate sign size.

D. Historic District- Discussion with Norm Gronning:

1. Norm informed the board about what the future could hold for creating a historic district in Shaftsbury. It has been designated by the National Register of Historic Homes since 1988. Norm suggested informing those who own the buildings in order to encourage preserving and recognizing them. Bill suggested mandating the consideration to fully encourage town members to engage in this preservation. Norm said that the best way to recognize these scattered areas is by placing plaque's on homes to show passer-by's that it is designated. The discussion led to the conclusion that what and where it is should be designated, be a product of its own time, cannot be mandated but definitely encouraged and there are some grants that could be available to the town if preservation continues.

3. New Business:

A. There was no new business to discuss.

4. Minutes:

A. No minutes to approve at this meeting.

5. Other Business:

A. No other business to discuss.

6. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm made by Bob Carter. Bill Pennebaker seconds.
Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Wick-Albert