

Shaftsbury Planning Commission
March 10, 2020

The meeting **came to order** at 6:07 p.m. Present were commissioners Chris Williams (chair), Mike Foley, and Naomi Miller. Zoning administrator Shelly Stiles was also present.

Approval of the **minutes** was postponed.

Mr. Williams will write a memo to the Select Board recommending that the first 500' on either side of Route 7A from the existing VC zone in the Village south to the Bennington town line be rezoned **Roadside Commercial**. No other areas will be considered for rezoning to RC at this time.

Mr. Foley reported he visited Manchester to discuss how their bylaw treats **kennels**. Mr. Williams asked Jim Sullivan at the BCRC for his thoughts. Mr. Sullivan said he would prepare a summary of how a few other towns deal with kennels. It was noted that there is a business offering dog training in the neighborhood of the old Second Chance shelter. Ms. Miller said she thought kennels should be a home occupation; the requirement would help limit the size of the operation and perhaps the number of animals cared for there.

Other business

Mr. Williams shared a memo he'd drafted re providing access to and enhancing the Town Forest. He will speak with an adjoining property owner before submitting the memo to the Select Board. The memo is incorporated by reference in these minutes.

Mr. Foley said he'd heard from the Forests Parks and Recreation that it could be difficult to place a new sign at the entrance to the nature trail because of landowner issues.

Ms. Stiles updated the commission on **zoning enforcement**. The owner of the Saabs on Old Depot Road has been slowly disposing of them. All Out Septic continues to flout the sign regulations. The property owner at the corner of Airport Road and Route 7A is disposing of trash over a bank above a tributary to Paran Creek. Ms. Stiles will have a discussion about signage with the folks at Paulins.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

