

Town of Sharon Planning Board
Minutes of October 23, 2014
Amended and Approved on November 5, 2014
Sharon Community Center
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Planning Board Attendees	
Pat Pannone	Ben Pinkowitz
Anne Bingham	Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer
Rob Maidman	David Blaszkowsky

Other Attendees	
Various	

Meeting Initiation

Chair Maidman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pannone moved to approve the minutes of 10/1/14. Mr. Pinkowitz seconded the motion and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval.

MAPC Lake Massapoag Bicycling Network

Christine Madore representing MAPC presented a public workshop on the Lake Massapoag Bike Network Plan. She stated that the MAPC is the regional planning agency that provides technical assistance for communities with smart growth and to work together to work more efficiently. Funded by the South Coastal Rail technical assistance grant, needs and goals were identified. The first goal was to improve connectivity of Sharon's natural resources, other identified needs and goals included improved accessibility and awareness of recreation facilities/programs for all citizens. Another goal is to create a town-wide network of pedestrian and bicycle paths and routes linking major open spaces and other town destinations. It was determined that residents are insufficiently informed about certain recreational resources available in Sharon.

There is a need to promote increased awareness of the existence, location and opportunities for use of public open space. There is also a need to create a bike lane, especially around Lake Massapoag, to permit increased and safer biking opportunities. The overarching goals she stated are to improve connectivity of Sharon's natural and recreational resources with the objective to install on-road bicycle facilities and signage throughout the bicycle network Another is to improve visibility of Sharon's natural and recreational resources with the objective to create and promote identity for Sharon's trail network and an objective to hold a local design competition or hire a design consultant to design a "brand" for Sharon, then install way finding signage and markers for natural and recreational resources The third is to leverage Sharon's natural and recreational resources for economic development.

Dedicated bike lanes were reviewed as well as shared lane markings (sharrows) or a combination of shared and dedicated lanes. Various signage options were also identified. Feedback was collected from the audience participants as to what they were

interested in. Ms. Madore will post a final plan on the Towns website to include implementation.

Additionally the South Coastal Rail will fund phase 2 for technical assistance grant for a tourism guide.

Bella Update

Mr. O'Cain said there has been a lot of back and forth. Mr. Maidman said he is pleased with the updates. Mr. O'Cain said the plantings are bonded so it ensures they are viable for a year, if not; there is a bond to fall back on. A count has not yet been performed. They are mostly all local plants. There is a lot of moisture in the slope so it is good to stabilize. Mr. O'Cain said the gate is not yet done, the as built plan is not complete, the granite markers are not started but the biggest issue is the erosion issue.

Revised ANR Everett Street

A brief conversation ensued. Mr. O'Cain said the Conservation Commission is reviewing this property now.

The Board discussed the ANR process Ms. Bingham said she feels ANR's particularly on private roads is the most important thing the Board can do. We are seeing a lot of situations in private roads. She said she is opposed to lots on Everett Street. Mr. Pannone said we already approved a previous version for Everett Street and if we do not approve this request we are leaving dangerous slopes. They are looking to make it safer. Ms. Bingham said she feels the developer should be required to keep ANR lots previously approved. Mr. O'Cain said in going forward for the next development we need to tell the developer to build the road first. Mr. Pannone said this is already done.

Mr. Pannone moved to accept the revised ANR for 232-264 Norwood Street. No building permits will be granted until the road improvements are made and utilities in place to include the base course of binder, electric, water and gas and deferring until final approval is received from the Conservation Commission. Also make Town Engineer, Peter O'Cain Agent for the Board to affix all amendments to the plan and sign on behalf of the Board. Mr. Blaszkowsky seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-1 (Bingham)-0 in favor.

Old Wolomolopoag

A brief conversation ensued regarding this property.

Capital Outlay Representative

Lou Modestino Jr. met with the Board to review his wanting to be the Capital Outlay representative for the Planning Board. It was determined that Mr. Maidman will be the alternate. Mr. Blaszkowsky moved to approve Mr. Modestino as Capital Outlay rep and Mr. Pinkowitz seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

Next Meeting dates

11/19, 12/3 and 12/17

Adjournment

Mr. Pannone moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM and Mr. Pinkowitz seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn.