

Shaftsbury
Planning Commission
Town Hall
October 25, 2011

Members Present: Chris Williams (Chair), Bill Pennebaker, Norm Gronning, Abigail Beck

Members Absent: David Spurr (Vice-Chair)

Others Present: Jeri Schoof, Ron Schoof, Tom Huncharek, Jay T. Palmer, Joanne M. Race, Mitchell R. Race, Robert Geneslaw, Kathleen Geneslaw

1. **Call to Order:** By Chris Williams at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of minutes of October 13 & 18, 2011: Bill Made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Norm. All in favor 4-0-0.**

3. **Review edited version of Flood Hazard Bylaw:** Bill and Chris made some changes to the bylaws and definitions. **A motion was made by Bill to approve the changes as discussed. Norm seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.**

4. **Commercial composting facilities:** Bill made a site visit to Vermont Compost Company near Montpelier. The facility is classified as an agricultural operation as they have chickens as well. The facility uses 850 tons of food waste (1,100 cubic yards) making it a medium size facility. Bill reported there were four likely impacts there: 1. Birds 2. Odor 3. Water pollution and 4. Noise.

Discussion of the merits and drawbacks of the facility were discussed. There was a consensus among the public attending that a composting facility should not be in a residential zoned area but only in an industrial zoned area. Abigail will begin drafting a commercial composting facility bylaw using 7.11 as a model.

5. **Historic District bylaw – Norm:**
Time ran out before this topic could be addressed. The next meeting will begin with this topic.

6. **Other business as required:** None.

7. Adjourn: Bill made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. and seconded by Norm. The motion was approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Whitney