

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
TOWN OF SHELBURNE**

The Shelburne Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Shelburne Town Hall** to receive input on proposed amendments to the Shelburne Zoning Ordinance.

The Board proposes to amend **Section 4 – Definitions**, as follows:

***CURRENT:***

**47. Primary Forest Product (Processing) Mill** – Any permanent or portable mill, wherever located, sawing, or otherwise processing logs, bolts, pulpwood, other primary forest products into secondary forest products such as wood chips, lumber, furniture stock, or other wooden specialty items.

***PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:***

**11. Commercial Forest Products Mill** – Any permanent mill, sawing, or otherwise processing logs, bolts, pulpwood, or other primary forest products such as wood chips, lumber, furniture stock, firewood, or other wooden specialty items. (Permitted in the Industrial Zone. Permitted by Special Exception in the Route 2 Zone.)

**45. Portable Sawmills** – Portable sawmills with engines less than 45 HP (horsepower) are permitted in all zones. Operations must be between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Waste materials cannot be stored on site. If the operation produces 25,000 board feet (25 MBF) per year, or involves customers purchasing product, it shall be considered a business and will require a site plan review. and a Special exception if in the River Valley District.

***CURRENT:***

**20. Forestry** – The science of silviculture and the practice and art of managing and using for human benefit forestlands and the natural resources that occur in association with forestlands, including trees, other plants, animals, soil, water, and related air and climate. Forestry includes timber-harvesting operations when conducted in accordance with best management practices to prevent soil erosion and damage to surface waters.

***PROPOSED AMENDMENT:***

**20. Forestry** – The practice of silviculture is the management and use of forest lands for the benefit of humans, plants, animals, soil and water. Forestry activities include timber harvest utilizing equipment such as log trucks, skidders, portable sawmills, and portable chippers. Timber harvest is permitted in all zones for the duration established in the permits granted by the State of New Hampshire.

The Board also proposes amendments to the chart in **Section 2 – Permitted Uses** to reflect the changes in **Section 4**, as mentioned above.

The complete text of the proposed amendments may be viewed at the Town Office (during regular business hours), the Town Transfer Station, or online at **[www.townofshelburnenh.com](http://www.townofshelburnenh.com)**. Anyone needing assistance to attend this meeting should contact the Town Office at 603-466-2262 no less than one week prior to the meeting date.