

TOWN OF SHELBURNE
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SHELBURNE ZONING ORDINANCES
FOR VOTE AT TOWN MEETING
March 11, 2025

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, or pulpwood into other primary forest products such as wood chips, lumber, furniture stock, firewood, or other wooden specialty items. (Permitted in the Industrial District. May be permitted by Special Exception in the Route 2 District.)

45. Portable Sawmills – Portable sawmills with engines of 45 HP (horsepower) or less are permitted in all districts. Operations must be between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Waste materials cannot be stored on site.

If the operation produces more than 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. A Special Exception will be required 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 any timber harvest utilizing equipment such as log trucks, skidders, portable sawmills, and portable chippers. Timber harvest is permitted in all districts 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.