

Minutes: Meeting of the Marlboro Planning Commission, June 13, 2017

In attendance: Matt Tell, Bennett Grout, Staley McDermet, Patti Smith, Tim Segar. Also present, Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator and Ashley Bies, Conservation Commission Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 (after the public hearing)

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Communications:

Edie mentioned she has had ongoing communication with John Broker-Campbell at ANR concerning the updated Flood and Fluvial section of the ByLaws. She is waiting for his comments on the newest version we have, having forwarded to the PC and him the checklist filled out in 2014 by ANR basically approving our draft. So far he has given no comments on what we may need to act on.

Edie also reported she sent the letter approved previously to 176 unduplicated property owners (she later found this breakdown which PC was interested in: 115 Marlboro residents [52 with PO Boxes], 61 non-Marlboro [1 out of the country]). Matt reported there had been 3 email and 3 phone calls, and one returned letter (Edie later got another email to send a copy of the letter to someone who needed to forward it to a trust) in response. Matt forwarded the emails, one was personal comments and did not need an answer, one was answered, and the other, from Marlboro College, raised some points that need to be addressed.

At the recent Public Hearing there were at least 23 attendees, as per the sign-in list and comments, possibly more.

Hearing

Tim offered his opinion that there were two important points raised we should consider, namely

- 1) T.'s recommendation that it might make sense to split the upcoming vote into two votes, one on the 2 wildlife overlays, and the other the rest of the zoning changes.
- 2) Robb's proposal for trying other voluntary actions first, like consulting with the CC, before creating the overlays.

These were suggestions that seemed to be well-received in the otherwise negative hearing concerning the Wildlife Overlays.

After considerable discussion, the decision was made to table voting on these two proposals. The PC did pass a motion to make the two wording changes recommended by VNRC concerning clarifying that the role of the Conservation Commission was only advisory. Staley will incorporate these changes into a new draft of the ByLaws. PC also needs to review the other points raised in the VNRC letter.

Discussion about whether to hold a special meeting in two weeks, June 27th. Patti will be away and it conflicts with an Alliance meeting that was postponed from today's hearing date. Next PC meeting was set for the regular meeting July 11th. Matt will be back but Patti can not attend.

Meeting adjourned 8:10.

Next meeting: July 11, 5 pm, Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted, Edie Mas