

Draft Minutes: Meeting of the Marlboro Planning Commission, August 8, 2017

In attendance: Staley McDermet, Patti Smith, Bennett Grout, Edie Mas.
Also present, Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator.

The Vice-Chair Staley McDermet called the meeting to order at 5:06

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

Communications:

1. Vt. Cities & Towns is holding a Town Fair in Killington Grand Hotel, ev. Oct 4, 8-5 pm Oct 5th.
2. VNRC sent PC further communication concerning the Wildlife Crossing Overlay.
3. Ashley Bies from CC sent an email about Hartford, VT; will be discussed under CC meeting.

Discussion on Zoning ByLaws

1. Wildlife Road Crossing Overlay:

Staley, Edie, and Bennett attended the Conservation Commission (CC) meeting on August 7th to discuss decision on dropping Wildlife Crossing Overlay, to be discussed at next public hearing August 29th. Discussed need for CC to educate landowners about forest connectivity, etc., while gathering new data. Ashley mentioned they are planning to map wildlife in whole town. Dante said he always had thought crossings and setback were educational, not regulatory. Staley suggested regular (?annual) educational contact to all owners to catch people early enough, before they approach the town with a zoning permit request. Adam expressed regret that at least one crossing, at Rt. 9, was not kept. Edie mentioned these and other comments/suggestions can be presented at the next public hearing. Ashley asked about possibility of applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to help work of CC, as they had done in Hartford. Edie mentioned that the PC had gotten a grant to help advance Wildlife Crossings in the past, and that the deadline for submitting request to the Windham Regional Commission had already passed. PC had decided not to apply this year (grant is due in October).

2. Flood and Fluvial Section 380

Although this Section has been approved via a checklist sent to PC by John Broker-Campbell (ANR), Edie spoke with him concerning whether there were further changes needed to be sure section also included all that was needed to have Town receive maximum State monies after a flood occurrence. He had forgotten to check for this, said he would get back to her when he had. Consensus to keep current ANR approved Section 380 in ByLaw draft to be discussed at Public Hearing Aug 29th.

Next Public Hearing Tuesday, August 29th at 6 pm at MES.

Edie or Bennett will pick up new Wildlife Overlay map before meeting. Staley will prepare a summary page of changes, print about 10 copies. Staley will discuss with Matt need to put announcement in Front Porch Forum. Edie will bring cheese and crackers. Bennett will not be able to come. Decision to meet immediately after Public Hearing to discuss changes needed, if any, as next Select Board meeting will be September 7th. Staley will contact Matt re: need to warn this Special Meeting.

Recruiting new PC members

A couple of people have expressed interest and will be invited to next PC meeting Sept 12th.

Meeting adjourned 6:00. Next meeting: September 12th, 5 pm, Town Offices. Bennett will not be able to come.

Respectfully submitted, Edie Mas