

## **Draft Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission, June 9, 2020**

In attendance through Zoom video conference: Bennett Grout, Staley McDermet, Edie Mas, Jennifer Girouard, Matt Tell, Mary Sargent, Tim Segar, Dan Cotter, Don Sherefkin.

Meeting opened at 5:05

**Minutes:** Minutes from May 12th approved unanimously.

### **Communications**

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May 12            Lauren MacArthur communicated a message from the Select Board about their "hope to look into expanding the cemeteries in town, if possible."

May 18            **Basics of Town Planning Training by Windham Regional Commission**, Wednesday, June 3rd 6:00-7:30 p.m. This training is FREE, but we do ask that you register. Please send an email to [mghia@windhamregional.org](mailto:mghia@windhamregional.org), or call 802-257-4547 ext.116 and provide us your name, contact information (an email address and preferred phone number), and tell us what, if any, appointed, elected, or volunteer position(s) you have with your town.

May 18            **Updating Neighborhood Regulations – Legalizing the Homes you Have and Need-** Thursday May 21, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Do your regulations make typical properties in existing neighborhoods non-conforming? Does your community need a wider range of homes to thrive? If so, you'll want to hear from two Vermont municipalities that have updated land use regulations and taken other measures to make their zoning fit better and allow more homes. Learn about their approaches – the types of regulations adopted, the methods for gaining support, and the non-regulatory initiatives underway to stimulate new home creation.

GoToWebinar registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2790082630662012944>

May 20            Act 250 Submission: Marlboro College - **Nordic Trail Improvement Project, from Otter Creek Engineering**. We have submitted the remaining materials for the Marlboro College Nordic Trail Improvement Project that were requested in the Incomplete Letter that was sent by the District Coordinator on October 31, 2019. These materials include the final Site Plans, the Draft Stormwater Discharge Permit and correspondence with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Historic Preservation.

May 29            The Local Support and Community Action Team of the Governor's Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force invites you to *Streets for Success* - an online workshop about reconfiguring outdoor spaces in Vermont towns for safe dining, shopping, biking and walking.  
June 2, 12:00 to 1:00 PM through Zoom

June 1            The Select Board is interested in hearing the Planning Commission's perspective on expanding Kings Cemetery on Fox Road. If expansion seems possible, the Select Board would like the PC to obtain bids and help decide who would do the work of additional clearing (if funds exist to cover this work). -Lauren

June 2            John Bennet forwarded Interim Zoning Measures for the Pandemic Emergency

June 4            Updating Parking Regulations: Rethinking the Municipality's Role in Managing Parking  
Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:00 – 4:00 PM

June 5            As of June 15, Lauren MacArthur will be stepping down from the position of Select Board Assistant. Pamela Burke will be taking over as Select Board Assistant and Town Website Content Manager

June 8            Community Action Grants range from \$500-\$2,000. The deadline for applications is June 26, 2020. Grants will be one-time funding for a 6-month period starting when the grant is awarded. The project will need to be completed within the same 6-month period. Applications and an RFP can be found online or below. Questions: Kelly Stoddard Poor at 951-1313

**June 8**            Windham Regional Commission Newsletter,  
• COVID-19 Resources for Towns and Individuals  
• Windham Region Broadband Feasibility Study Completed! Business Plan Underway.  
Interim Zoning Measures to Speed Economic Recovery  
• VLCT Updates to Open Meeting Law FAQ  
• Racial Equity Task Force  
• 2020 Municipal Planning Grants Announced  
• Button Up Vermont  
• Encourage Your Fellow Residents to Complete the 2020 Census!

June 9            **Windham Regional Broadband Feasibility Study Webinar,**            Wednesday, June  
24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00: Zoom Virtual Meeting. **Please Register** with Susan Westa at  
[swesta@windhamregional.org](mailto:swesta@windhamregional.org) or call 802-257-4547, Ext. 108. Registration is free but space is  
limited. We will distribute a copy of the presentation to all registrants 2 days before the meeting.  
This is important for those who cannot access the webinar online.

Edie reported that all of the paperwork for the Town Septic study has been completed.

## Discussion

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Dan Cotter, Act 250 permit for The Noric Trails permit will be completed after the sale of the campus. Dan offered to provide a letter to the town explaining the Act 250 permit.

Regarding the sale of the Marlboro College campus. The transfer to another institutional owner should not affect the current zoning regulations.

(Several members of the Marlboro Planning Commission shed tears during this discussion-Tim)

Re: Request for the Planning Commission to be involved in working on the expansion of the Fox Road cemetery. Many members feel that this is a Select Board responsibility. Matt will investigate the current system that oversees the cemeteries and we will revisit the issue at our next meeting.

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## Continued Discussion of Town Plan revisions

Ongoing Edits of Town Plan

**Adjourned at 7:05 PM    Next Meeting will be July 14th**

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Sherefkin