

Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission, July 14, 2020

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

Meeting opened at 5:10

Minutes: Minutes from June 9th approved unanimously.

Communications

June 9 Otter Creek 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. These documents have been loaded to the Act 250 FTP Site in the newly created folder "#2W0245-22 2020-05-20."

June 16 Received from Wilmington Zoning their document describing the creation of a Historic Design Review District.

June 22 A Proposed Land Use Permit Amendment was received **from** Rebecca Bezanson. This permit specifically authorizes the redevelopment and widening of existing Nordic ski trails and construction of a new trail for a 1.7 kilometer Nordic ski racing trail loop that will be 20 feet wide with a grass surface.

June 29 FEMA is hosting a series of webinars to introduce their new [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC) grant program - The BRIC Summer Engagement Webinar Series. These virtual sessions are geared towards leaders in states, local communities, tribes and territories, as well as private sector entities, private non-profit organizations, and individuals interested in learning more about the grant program.

July 9 Building Communities Grants is funded for FY2021. This program includes the following: 1. the Recreational Facilities Grant Program, 2. the Regional Economic Development Grant Program, and 3. the Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Programs. The application deadline is September 15, 2020.

July 9 Edie reported that she and Will had attended a meeting on July 9th of the Community Development Committee of WRC, where Rich Holschuh was a guest speaker to talk about Abenaki history in Windham County (he is Abenaki). He mentioned that the State Historical Preservation Commission had developed maps of possible Abenaki sites in Vermont, which he would forward to Jeff Nugent of WRC. I suggested that we should look at these maps, to be able to include any possible historical sites that might be located in Marlboro.

July 10 Windham and Windsor Housing Trust shared information about relief programs for renters and homeowners experiencing hardships due to COVID-19. Funding is open as of Monday July 13th. The applications will be online. More information will be posted on VHFA and VSHA websites.

Discussion

- Marlboro College campus proposed purchase by Democracy Builders has raised some questions around the founder, Seth Andrew. Is there a role for the PC to comment on the purchase? The Vermont Attorney General's Office is reviewing the purchase. We agreed to wait until the sale of the campus is resolved. Windham Regional's role in supporting the Town in its relationship to the campus could be explored at that point.
- John Bennett from WRC explained to Bennett Grout that the PC should not have a role in the Town's Cemeteries. The Town owns the Fox Road Cemetery and its adjacent land. They would like to make a significant extension. The existing stone wall was built by Dan Snow. Since there is no planning required, the PC will move this request back to the Select Board.
- ATT has begun to construct a cell tower on Snow Mountain.

Continued Discussion of Town Plan revisions

Discussion and editing of the Enhanced Energy Element.

Adjourned at 7:08 PM Next Meeting will be August 11th

Respectfully submitted,
Don Sherefkin