

Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission, September 8, 2020

In attendance through Zoom video conference: Bennett Grout, Staley McDermet, Matt Tell, Mary Sargent, Tim Segar, Patti Smith, Edie Mas, Suzanne Judson-Whitehouse, Ashley Bies

Meeting opened at 5:04 pm

Minutes: Minutes from August 11th approved unanimously.

Communications

August 16 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects."

August 24 Zoom is requiring a passcode or a waiting room in place for all video meetings beginning September 27th.

August 28, Covid funding opportunities and economic recovery funding is available from many sources. While you are likely aware of most of these resources, attached is an aggregated list of funding sources for your convenience.

LGER The application deadline for the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Grant is coming up on **September 4**. Windham Regional can continue to assist with the application process or answer eligibility questions. Please reach out to Margo Ghia, mghia@windhamregional.org or #802-257-4547 to connect with our team.

August 28 Jeff Nugent letter his work with Ashley on the maps Wildland Linkages map.

August 29 Shrewsbury Town Plan recreational trail use and development shared with us.

September 2 Town Select board intends to hold a forum for all town staff, appointees, boards and committees to discuss current operations in the age of COVID -19. Thursday, Oct 29th 5PM. location TBD. Any topics for discussion to be submitted by Oct 19th.

September 8, ANR webinar series. Updating your town plan for Act 171. First date is Sept. 14th.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/updating-your-town-plan-for-act-171-tickets-116600478169>

September 8, Ashley Bies sent Wildlife Linkages map

Discussion

Concerns were voiced about the dangerous intersections on South Road. The two entrances to Ames Hill is blind, and other is near the barn on the east side, and just before Town Hill road. The Lucier road intersection might require a stop sign. Increased activity by pedestrians and bikes has made this a pressing issue. Speed in general is a more general question. Students at the new program on the Marlboro College campus will likely be unused walking along unlit rural roads.

Ashley Bies presented his updated map of Wildland Linkages. It is a detailed map with specific proposals for new Zoning regulations. Phase 1 would be to update boundaries, and then to identify key areas for sensitive species using a more comprehensive data set. He identified three high volume areas on Route 9 -- (roughly) between Adams Cross and Butterfield roads, west from the Brattleboro town line to Hamilton Road, and from Town Hill road to Church Hollow.

Continued Discussion of Town Plan revisions

Discussion around the Town Plan maps.

Adjourned at 7:08 PM Next Meeting will be October 13th

Respectfully submitted,
Don Sherefkin