

Draft Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission, December 8, 2020

In attendance through Zoom video conference: Staley McDermet, Matt Tell, Mary Sargent, Tim Segar, Patti Smith, Will Shakespeare, Jennifer Girouard, Edie Mas

Meeting opened at 5:05 pm

Minutes: Minutes from November 10th approved unanimously.

Communications

Nov. 20 The Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation (FPR) has recently launched an LWCF round for communities in Vermont: <https://fpr.vermont.gov/land-and-water-conservation-fund> On that webpage you will find everything a town needs to apply for a 50-50 federal LWCF grant to acquire or develop a municipally-owned property for public outdoor recreation. FPR always encourage entities to consider projects that are larger in scale since the match requirement is high, and the permanent encumbrance and maintenance responsibilities are, well, permanent.

FPR is hosting two upcoming webinars (which we will record):

[Tuesday, November 24th from 10 am-11 am](#) (Click for Teams meeting link) or call 802-828-7667, PIN #551 719 386

[Friday, December 4th from 10 am-11 am](#) (Click for Teams meeting link) or call 802-828-7667, PIN #966 290 373

Nov. 23 The Vermont Council on Rural Development is now offering its Community Visit Program virtually. This program has helped many communities throughout the state and the region identify community priorities and opportunities for implementation. To learn more, or see if this process could be a good fit for your community, visit <https://www.vtrural.org/programs/community-visits/virtual> or contact Jenna Koloski at jenna@vtrural.org or (802) 223 6091

Nov. 30 The Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance and Windham Regional Commission is co-hosting a program on the Health of the West River Watershed, the Tactical Basin Process, and soliciting input from communities in the Watershed on issues worth celebrating and are of concern in the watershed. The speaker for the program will be Marie Caduto, Watershed Planner from VT DEC.

West River Watershed: Water Quality Presentation & Discussion

Wednesday, December 2 6:30- 7:30pm

Pre-Registration Required for this On-line Program

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIf--prj8vG9O2tAs0ECTt8qiFK6h2c9vN>

Dec. 8 A Thank You note was sent to Bennett from the Planning Commissioners

Discussions

Edie shared her correspondence regarding the identification of Abenaki lands, pre-encounter and historical. Once we receive this information, we may want to include it in the Natural and Cultural resources map.

Village Center Traffic Select Board discussion. More study and more enforcement were agreed upon, but no consensus on specific measures for signage or any other proposals.

Zoning Amendments

1. Should driveways, private roads, and temporary roads (such as access roads or logging roads) be subject to Zoning District setbacks?
2. Is it necessary to clarify with more specific language that the Wildlife Habitat Overlay District applies to new driveways?
3. Should Primitive Camps remain exempt from the Wildlife Habitat Overlay District?

Staley suggests that due to time constraints, we should focus on completing the Town Plan and that the proposed amendments be tabled until a later date. We have rescinded the decision to pursue these amendments at this time and will revisit them in 2021.

Town Plan/Maps

Next steps for Town Plan Approval. Once we agree upon the maps, and their proposed changes, they will be sent to Jeff Nugent for him to make the necessary changes. This should happen in January 2021.

We discussed where to put more detailed and expanded information regarding wildlife habitat, road crossings and agricultural soils. A proposal was made to move the Cultural resources to the Community Facilities Map, and the Natural Resources Map might include Wildlife information.

This is the list of maps that are part of the previous Town Plan

1. Natural and Cultural Resources
2. Water Resources
3. Community Facilities and Transportation
4. Existing Land Use
5. Proposed Land Use

Adjourned at 6:45 PM Next Meeting will be January 12th

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Sherefkin