

## **Approved Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission, April 13, 2021**

In attendance through Zoom video conference: Staley McDermet, Matt Tell, Mary Sargent, Tim Segar, Will Shakespeare, Patti Smith, Donald Sherefkin.

Meeting opened at 5:05 pm

**Minutes:** Minutes from March 23rd approved unanimously.

### **Communications**

**April 5** If you are aware of locations in your community that would benefit from the donation of a Wi-Fi Spot, please ask them to submit their information immediately via the following website: <https://www.itdrc.org/covid-19/projectconnect>).

ONLINE REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**April 5** Conservation Subdivisions: Designing with the Land, April 21 2021, 6:00 PM  
PLEASE REGISTER with Susan Westa  
[swesta@windhamregional.org](mailto:swesta@windhamregional.org) or call 802-257-4547, ext. 108

**April 5** Will Shakespeare has been in conversation with Jeff Nugent and John Bennett about recreational land use. First, they both agree that we should include and be specific about our goals, policies and actions around the use of land for hiking, biking, skiing, etc., in the narrative section of the Town Plan. That should include adding a section for the Marlboro Nordic Ski Club along with the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association and the Marlboro Park Association.

Tim crafted a paragraph about the Nordic Ski Club and Staley has added it to the section of the Town Plan under Recreation.

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### **Discussions**

We reviewed the Town Plan text, which Staley has carefully organized. Small edits were made. Changes to the Plan are highlighted in gray for easier review.

#### **Discussion of the maps**

Jeff Nugent's comments on the maps were reviewed. Several questions were raised about his recommendations and Staley will be in communication with him about our preferences.

General comment: Change date of all maps to "May, 2021".

#### **Map 1 - Natural Resources & Habitat Features**

The key labeled "Public road segment within town-identified wildland linkage" was confusing. It appears that the classes of roads (2, 3, etc.?) are shown, and the PC felt that this was unnecessary and that the road classifications be eliminated; just show roads as roads. Then evidently the color designates the wildlife linkages (not wildland? linkages), and the key should so state.

#### Map 2 - Core Habitat Blocks & Linkages

Change title to: Forest Blocks and Wildlife Linkages.

Need to resolve the fact that "core forest" is that area 330' from the non-forested area, and "forest edge" is that 330' area surrounding the "core forest" and the distance shown on the map is 500 feet. Patti is to review.

Eliminate road "Class" designations.

#### Map 3 - Water Resources & Water Protection Areas – Done.

#### Map 4 - Cultural Resources, Community Facilities, & Transportation.

On map, rename "1-Historical Society" to "1-Newton House/Historical Society".

On key, rename "1-Ephraim Holland Newton House" to "1-Newton House/Historical Society".

On map, to #11, add "First Cemetery in Marlboro" and cemetery symbol. (Yes, it's a cemetery, with dead people buried there.)

#### Map 5 – Solar Energy Potential – Don to provide additional data to aid

#### Map 6 - Existing Land Use - Done

#### Map 7 - Future Land Use - Working on it.

Our next meeting will be focused on the Future Land Use Map and a Renewable Energy Map.

**Adjourned at 7:02 PM    Next Meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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Respectfully submitted, Donald Sherefkin