

Approved Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission, March 23, 2021

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

Meeting opened at 5:22 pm

Minutes: Minutes from March 9th approved unanimously.

Communications

March 12 American Rescue Plan Act that will be signed into law today. You can find the bill here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>). Title IX, Part 8, Subtitle M, Section 9901, Sections 602 and 603 are the most relevant <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text#toc-H65C66E46488F4CB6ACD99E77DF090885> , but there are also a number of community services that are supported throughout the bill that may not be municipal in nature, but which will support community needs.

March 16 Southern Vermont Economy Summit May 12-14. The Summit is a three-day learning and networking event designed with our business community in mind. Of interest may be "New to Vermont Lunch Series: How New People Generate New Opportunities for Our Communities," "In Conversation with Governor Scott and Lt. Governor Molly Gray: Envisioning Southern Vermont's Future & The Future Talks Back: Young Professional Town Hall," "Small Scale Changes to Strengthen Our Towns" facilitated by Danny Litchenfield with the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center. For a complete schedule, workshop descriptions, and profiles of expert speakers and presenters please visit www.sovermontzone.com/summit/ where you can also register to attend.

March 22 Conservation Subdivisions: Designing with the Land - When: April 21, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
PLEASE REGISTER with Susan Westa swesta@windhamregional.org or call 802-257-4547, ext. 108
Join Windham Regional Planners, Chris Campany, John Bennet and Susan Westa to learn more about an alternative approach to subdivision development. Conservation Subdivisions allow more flexibility in the design process and can be used to protect important resources and open space in your town. A Zoom link will be sent out to all who registered the week of the webinar.

Will Shakespeare's position as a Commissioner was recognized by the Windham Regional Commission

We had a conversation with Spencer Knickerbocker, executive director of the Marlboro Nordic Ski Club regarding the plans for Marlboro's trail system. Since taking over the trails from Marlboro College, the system has been well groomed and been made more accessible to the wider public. He would like to see this become part of a larger network of trails. The club's board is developing land management strategies, including agreements with private landowners about trail access. The issue of providing sufficient parking was brought up. Spencer is aware of these issues, both at South Pond and the Town Center, and continues to work on their resolution. They currently maintain parking spaces on the Democracy Builders campus, and encourage skiers to take advantage of them.

Regular Meeting is adjourned

The Annual Meeting of the Marlboro commenced at 6:00

Matt proposed that we adopt the Existing Rules and Procedures. Accepted unanimously.
All officers will continue in their roles from 2020.

Commission Member	Role	Term ends
Tim Segar	Chair	2022
Staley McDermet	Vice-chair	2023
Donald Sherefkin	Secretary	2023
Patti Smith		2020
Matt Tell	DRB Alternate	2022
Edie Mas	WRC Commissioner	2020
Will Shakespeare	WRC Commissioner	2023
Jennifer Girouard		2023

We will be looking to recruit new members to the Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Reconvened 6:07

Discussion of the maps

We studied the Natural Resources maps, and made a number of modifications and suggestions that Patti will take up with Jeff Nugent at the WRC. Once these maps are complete, Jeff will proceed with updating the rest of the Town Plan maps.

Brief discussion of Future map categories. Recreational Zones and Potential Energy Production were two.

Tim will work on language for the Town Plan addressing both the Nordic Trail System and the proposed "Arts in Marlboro" initiative.

Adjourned at 7:04 PM Next Meeting will be April 13th

Respectfully submitted, Donald Sherefkin