

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Special Select Board Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022, 5:00pm Zoom Call Online

Present: In attendance via Zoom, due to COVID-19 precautions: Julia von Ranson (by phone), Select Board Chair; Aaron Betts, Vice-Chair; Jim Agate, Select Board member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Planning Commission – Tim Segar, Chair, Staley McDermet, Donald Sherefkin, Edith Mas, Jean Boardman, Bob Anderson, Patti Smith, Matthew Tell, Jennifer Girouard, William Shakespeare; Mary Sargent, Zoning Admin; Steven John, DVFider; Anastasia Houze; Johnathan Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm

Scheduled Business

Discussion & Review on Town Plan, public comment welcome, followed by Select Board Vote on Town Plan prior to submission to Windham Regional Commission.

Tim Segar led off the meeting once it was called to order with some brief remarks regarding the Town Plan, the work involved with its creation through its many iterations leading up this final review by the Select Board, prior to its being submitted to the Windham Regional Commission for review and approval.

Marlboro Resident, April Weeks, who was unable to attend, had sent a detailed email discussing her views on several aspects of the plan and at Tim's request, this email was read into the record by Nick Morgan. *(Please note: The reading can be reviewed by going to "Soundcloud" and listening to the recording. A link to the Soundcloud website is available on the Select Board page of the website.)*

Ms. Weeks issues were discussed by the Board with input from the Planning Commission. Staley McDermet from the Commission, noted that he has responded directly to Ms. Weeks and recapped his responses into the record, with the major points being: Solar installations are not that detrimental to the arable land and farming; The AirBnB regulations are not finalized and the Town Plan discussion is a look to the future, not final word on the issue; and that the Private Camp issue continues to be discussed and the Plan recognizes the need for further investigation and discussion on how to handle.

Staley also noted that on the Solar issue the Plan does advocate rooftop installation over ground installation of solar power arrays. Staley also offered some additional provisions to the plan including: remove specific mention of Federal mental health aid which is already covered under the auspices of the HCRS in the Plan; the addition of an acknowledgement that the MVFD has a dedicated EMT rescue vehicle; include a statement regarding the impact of Covid-19 on population, schools, business, arts, entertainment, etc. in the Town.

Motion: Accept the Town Plan as it stands with the provisions discussed at the meeting for submission to the WRC. (von Ranson/Betts) – Passed Unanimously

Tim also made it clear that the PC (and himself) feels strongly that continued interaction with April Weeks is important as her input is valuable and that he will make sure that this contact and interaction does continue.

Adjourn at 6:01p