

Approved Minutes: Marlboro Planning Commission May 10, 2022

In attendance: Staley McDermet, Mary Sargent, Tim Segar, Edie Mas, Jennifer Girouard, Patti Smith, Donald Sherefkin, Will Shakespeare
Guest attendance: Nick Morgan, Brian Potter

Meeting opened at 5:04 pm

Minutes: Minutes from April 12th, 2022 approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

John Bennett communicated that the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) will hold the Public Meeting on Wednesday May 18th 2022 at 6:30 via Zoom on review and approval of the Town Plan.

John Bennett communicated that there is an option for a 6-month extension for the Village Designation as we are still awaiting on Town Plan approval. We may need to submit a formal request an extension beyond the June deadline.

- Will and Edie will check and update the Select Board if we need them to take action on this.
 - The Planning Commission gives support to Will and Edie to continue moving this process along.
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Discussions

Discussion of how to coordinate Prioritized Action Steps with the Select Board.

- The town has until 2024 to allocate the ARPA funds and then 2026 to spend the funds.
- We discuss with Nick Morgan about how to open lines of communication with the Select Board and communicate priorities that stem from our Town Plan.
- The Select Board meets this Wednesday, May 11th and Tim can attend to start the dialogue.

Discussion on Putney Planning Commission that Tim attended.

- They are in the early stages of town plan work and found our town plan helpful. The Forest Block and Energy sections were particularly useful for them as well as the Future Use Map and the process we used to develop it.
- One discussion from that meeting was about creating an equitable process when going before the DRB and needing an expert report. Our town approach is that residents can use the Conservation Commission as a resource for the report but we could in the future discuss if another process would be useful (such as the creation of a general fund that

residents could use). We discuss inequities that might emerge from situations where some residents have the funds to access consultations on environmental issues while others do not.

We discuss finalizing our Action Steps Narrative around the key four areas of:

- Energy
- Septic/Solar/Town Center
- Affordable Housing and Senior Housing
- Transportation

These will be collated in the next few days and then Tim will share highlights with the Select Board as a next step.

We discuss future agenda issues for the Planning Commission, including addressing any potential WRC suggested changes to the Town Plan, subdivision regulations, and zoning amendments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14th 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Girouard