Approved Minutes for Planning Commission Meeting September, 1, 2022 In Attendance: Tim, Edie, Don, Mary

We would like to communicate to the Select Board these responses to questions raised in the email for Aaron Betts pasted below.

- 1. It was first agreed that we should come to the meeting next week with the intention of finding ways to help the Select Board and Development Review Board as they go forward.
- 2. We also acknowledged that there are complications raised in this discussion by the absence of three functioning commissions in Marlboro right now i.e. The Conservation Commission, The Energy Commission and the Emergency Preparedness Commission. We intend to help the Select Board with the task of re-establishing those important groups.
- 3. We would like to thank Pieter Van Loon for stepping into the role of environmental consultant to several recent projects.
- 4. As to redrafting section 355 of the Zoning Regulations we are open to suggestions but believe that development in sensitive areas of town needs to be done with the advice of experts. One of our members asked " How else would we know if there were critical concerns of sensitive flora and fauna, water resources etc, which need consideration before development can go forward?"
- 5. In the absence of a C.C., we support the formation of a fund to which <u>needy</u> Marlboro citizens could apply when faced with hiring an Environmental Consultant.
- 6. We are looking into the zoning regulations of adjoining towns to see what their approach to these issues is.
- 7. We are looking, with the help of Windham Regional Commission, into resources for finding Environmental Consultants in our region who could be asked to review projects in Marlboro.

Submitted by Tim Segar - Chair Planning Commission.

