

**New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday, March 6, 2013**

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Members Present: Jamie Mullen, Chair; and Members: Patricia Hardyman, Charlie Parton, and Holly Morse.

Review of Minutes: Minutes from the Board's meeting on February 20th were not available. It was also noted that as Hardyman and Morse did not attend the previous meeting, thus review of the minutes were tabled until Members Parton and Hattendorf had had an opportunity to review the minutes.

Review of the Mail:

- David McShane and Karin Bonner application for special permit for an accessory dwelling on lot located at 64 Canaan Valley Road was granted (2.25.13). No special conditions were required by the Selectboard.
- Monterey Public Hearing on March 14th at Town Hall at 7 pm to review the proposed Monterey Planning Board bylaw to regulate the installation of large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic systems and utility-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic systems.

Old Business:

- FY 2014 Budget: – Planning Board proposed budget was submitted to the NM Finance Committee in December 2012. No feedback has been received from the Finance Committee.
- Annual Report: – The report was submitted to Town as required by the 22nd of March. Verification of receipt of the Report was received from the Town Clerk. At the direction of the Board, Hardyman forwarded the Report to the Clerk for posting on the PB web page.

Status of Bylaw Revisions:

- Special Town Meeting: Mullen reported that at the previous meeting, the Board had decided that late summer – July or August – might be the best time for requesting a special town meeting (STM) for consideration of the Bylaw revisions. Prior to the STM, the Board would hold additional public information meeting(s) to continue the public education process.
- Talking points for upcoming public information/education presentations: Special permit should be couched as an opportunity for neighbors and community to learn about the proposal rather than as a barrier for the applicant. As these are public meetings (not just limited to the physical abutters), thus are an opportunity for all to learn about proposed construction/uses, air their questions, and express their concerns.
- Time line: After annual town meeting the Planning Board will request to be on agenda at the next special town meeting.
- Activities to re-engage conversation about the proposed Bylaw revisions:
 1. Submit education articles:
 - 5VNs; and
 - Berkshire Record – this represents a more regional approach, wider part of community paying attention.
 2. Public Interviews:
 - WSBS (Great Barrington) – free community bulletin board. Mullen will reach out to determine their interests and arrange for an interview.

- WBCR – Mullen will reach out to determine their interests. Hattendorf might be a good voice.
- 3. Identify individuals who would be good to talk to:
 - Hardyman will reach out to the Historical Society;
 - Members are to identify potential individuals/Board to reach out to.
- Revisions to the draft Bylaw:
 1. Review of changes at the Feb 20th meeting – Mullen reported that all Bylaw draft dated February 10, 2013 were reviewed and approved, except for the ban on fur farming. A motion was made to delete the exception regarding fur farming from the Table of Uses, on the agreement of Member Hattendorf. The motion was approved.
 2. Revised Hartsville village center map. Mullen will check with BRPC regarding printing of the revised map. One receipt of the revised map, he will take the revised map and the revised by-laws with the grandfathering definition to Hartsville residents.
 3. Hardyman sent the most recent version (dated March 6, 2013) of the revised by-laws to all PB members.

Chair Mullen distributed a book on visualizing change in small towns and rural areas, Above and Beyond, by Julie Campoli, Elizabeth Humstone, and Alex MacLean.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Submitted by Patricia Hardyman
Acting as Secretary