

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Town Hall, 807 Mill River Southfield Road, Mill River, MA 01244**

**Mailing Address: PO Box 99, Mill River, MA 01244**

**[nmbos@newmarlboroughma.gov](mailto:nmbos@newmarlboroughma.gov) \* [www.newmarlboroughma.gov](http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov) \* 413-229-8116**

### **VIA TELECONFERENCING**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mark Carson, Chair  
Bob Hartt, Vice Chair  
Jon James

Others Present: Sharon Fleck, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to call the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt and Jon James voted to approve the meeting being called to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### Review Minutes of August 25, 2021

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of August 25, 2021.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt and Jon James voted to approve the minutes of August 25, 2021.

#### Review Plans as necessary

There were no plans to review

#### Discuss Building Department Bylaws

Paul will be reviewing the Building Department bylaws with Owen Wright.

### Review Dark Sky Bylaw

Bob Hartt and Tom Sebestyen will discuss Dark Sky later in September.

### New Business

The Board discussed reviewing the bylaws as they pertain to the Lake Buel area. The Building Bylaw says one thing but the Building Code says something else regarding building in the Lake Buel area. The Lake Buel District is looking for the Planning Board to take the lead on remedying the differences. The differences appear to be with Title 5 and the proximity of the well to the septic system. Both Scott McFarland, Board of Health Agent, and Peter Hagen, Chairman of the Lake Buel District, will be invited to the next Planning Board meeting. The District, historically, was made up of cottages; however, there is considerable building of larger, year-round homes which appears to be putting stress on the lake. Mark suggested that testing the lake after Labor Day is a good time to evaluate its health.

### Old Business

Bob Hartt spoke with John Schreiber today regarding the Demolition Bylaw.

Mark also spoke with John Schreiber about riverbank remediation and the importance of planting trees and bushes to stop the erosion of the riverbank.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mark Carson, Jon James and Bob Hartt agreed to adjourn to meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: October 13, 2021