

**New Marlborough Planning Board
Minutes
May 13, 2020**

Attendees

Members

Daniel Doern (Chair), Mark Carson, Eric Shaefer, Bob Hartt

Other Attendees

Tara White (Select Board)

Call to order at 7:02

Review of Minutes

Minutes from the 4/15/20 Planning Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Corrections to the minutes from the 1/18/20 public hearing were discussed.

Surveyors/ANR Review

No requests

Review of Mail

There was no mail to review.

New Business

Tara White attended the Planning Board meeting to provide updates on town governance plans in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Annual Town Caucus (5/19/20)

Due to logistical complications surrounding the COVID-19 public health crisis, existing Planning Board members intending to be candidates for subsequent terms did not get their names on the Warrant for Annual Town Caucus. Planning Board members will have to be write-in candidates at the Annual Town Caucus.

Annual Town Meeting (6/22/20)

Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the annual town meeting has been postponed until 6/22/20. If conditions require it, the annual town meeting can be pushed into July. Due to public health concerns and how the annual town meeting may have to be conducted, it is possible that the only critical funding items will be on the warrant. In that case, it is possible that a vote on the Marijuana bylaw could be postponed to a later date.

Planning Board Composition

Dan Doern advised the other board members that he would need to take a leave of absence from the Planning Board in order to address serious personal health issues.

Eric Schaefer is relocating and will not be seeking re-election.

Mark Carson indicated he intends to run for the Select Board and he is unsure if he would be able to serve on both the Select Board and the Planning Board.

Potentially, that could leave only one current member of the Planning Board on the Board, if elected.

There was discussion about recruiting other members of the community for as many as three open Planning Board positions.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion regarding preparation for presentation of the proposed Marijuana bylaw. There needs to be a discussion of the history of the development of the bylaw and an overview of the main elements of the bylaw.

Adjourned at 7:50