

**New Marlborough Planning Board  
Minutes  
June 10, 2020**

**Attendees**

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

**Call to order at 7:04**

**Review of Minutes**

Minutes from the 5/27/20 Planning Board meeting were approved unanimously subject to a correction of the minutes from 2/12/20. There was a comment from a member of the public regarding the accuracy of approved minutes from 2/12/20, not from 2/26/20 as previously noted. The 2/12/20 minutes were corrected and re-submitted.

**Surveyors/ANR Review**

No submissions

**Review of Mail**

11 School Street, Great Barrington – Notice was received that the Select Board voted to deny a special permit application for a parking lot in a D3 zone.

700 S. Main Street, Sheffield – Notice of decision received. A special permit was granted to L&C Ventures on 5/22/20 for a for marijuana micro business, subject to conditions regarding odor control.

1589 Hewin Street, Sheffield – Notice of finding of good cause was issued on 5/22/20 to MA1, LLC regarding a special permit for a solar array. Due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a one-year extension granted for the special permit.

**Old Business**

**Town Meeting**

The Town meeting was postponed by the Select Board indefinitely on 6/9/20. The Town Meeting may not be held until spring 2021.

There was discussion about what would happen if a special permit application comes before the Select Board before the marijuana bylaw is adopted at a Town Meeting? Only research or

medical marijuana establishments are currently permitted in New Marlborough. The hope and expectation of the New Marlborough Planning Board (NMPB) is that the Select Board would use the bylaw language which has been developed (but not adopted due to the postponement of the 2020 Town Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic) as a guide. The marijuana bylaw language, however, would not be binding on a special permit applicant or the Select Board.

It was noted that the history of why the marijuana bylaw was developed is included in Amendment 1 of the proposed bylaw changes.

#### Hartsville Mill River Road Riverbank Restoration

Trout Unlimited is engaged in the work to restore the eroding riverbank near the bridge.

#### **New Business**

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) has asked for a delegate from NMPB. Mark Carson volunteered to be the primary member of the BRPC on behalf of NMPB; Bob Hartt volunteered to be the alternate member.

#### Planning Board Composition

Eric Schaeffer's resignation from the NMPB is effective at the end of the current meeting due to relocation from New Marlborough for professional reasons. The members thanked Eric for his insights and dedication to the NMPB during his service.

Dan Doern's last meeting as a member of the NMPB will be at the next meeting on 6/24/20, when his term expires. The members of the NMPB thanked Dan for his recent leadership of the NMPB and expressed their hope that Dan would rejoin the NMPB when he is able.

A priority of the NMPB after the upcoming election cycle will be to fill out a full five-person membership through Select Board appointments so the NMPB can represent the community with diverse views.

Mark Carson agreed to chair the NMPB after 6/24/20, subject to re-election.

#### Next Meeting

The focus of the next meeting will be to discuss NMPB priorities going forward, based on the perspectives of the members and based on what we hear the public talking about as priorities and concerns.

**Adjourned at 7:59**