

**New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday October 29, 2014**

Attendees:

Chair: Patricia Hardyman

Members: Judy Hattendorf, Jamie Mullen, Charlie Parton

Other attendees: Jane Tant (clerk)

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Public Comment/Surveyors: None

Review of Mail:

Letter from Applied Geospatial Analytics introducing company capabilities.

Memorandum from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board announcing a public hearing on Wednesday, November 5, at 7pm at the Sandisfield Arts Center. The hearing concerns the proposed expansion of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline, specifically approximately 3.8 miles of 36-inch outside diameter pipe to be constructed in Sandisfield, MA as part of the Connecticut Expansion Project.

Announcement of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission project solicitation for 2015 District Local Technical Assistance grants. For the coming year BRPC received an allocation of \$203,588 for its staff to provide technical assistance to its member communities for projects aimed at planning for housing, planning for growth or supporting regional services. Project submission deadline is December 11, 2014.

Members present noted New Marlborough had received District Local Technical Assistance grants in 2010, 2011 and 2012. They agreed that New Marlborough was probably not in a position to request additional assistance for 2015 as the Town voted down the revised Protective Bylaws. However, Patricia agreed to reach out to BRCP to determine if a request for funds to support review/reconsideration of the draft protective bylaws and community education fit within the DLTA guidelines.

Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings:

Minutes of the August 27, 2014, September 10 and September 24 meetings were approved.

Minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting was approved with one abstention.

Old Business:

Ms. Hardyman reported on her meeting with the Board of Selectmen on October 20, 2014. She informed the Board of Selectmen of the Planning Board's desire to place both the proposed amendment to the Accessory Dwelling Bylaw provision and the proposed Accessory Apartment Bylaw addition on the agenda for a town meeting. The Board of Selectman

indicated willingness to provide notice to the Planning Board approximately 90 days before the regular town meeting in early 2015. This advance notice will facilitate scheduling of an informational opportunity prior to the regular town meeting.

Ms. Hardyman noted that following her presentation to the Board of Selectman an observer at that meeting asked a question regarding the proposed amendment to the Accessory Dwelling Bylaw provision. The questioner asked if the 1,200 square foot maximum gross square footage restriction included attic and basement space. Ms. Hardyman indicated this question indicated some clarification appears necessary. Mr. Mullen stated that as currently drafted the 1,200 square foot maximum square footage restriction would apply to both attic and basement space. Other members of the Planning Board indicated they had not understood this restriction would apply to both attic and basement space. It was agreed that Mr. Parton and Ms. Hardyman would draft a definition of maximum gross floor area for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.