New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday October 28, 2015

Attendees:

Chair: Holly Morse;
Members: Mark Carson, Charlie Parton
Other attendees: Jane Tant (secretary)

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Ms. Morse opened the meeting inquiring about past practice in distribution of approved Form As. She had received a request from the Town Clerk to be included in the distribution once they are approved. After some discussion, it was agreed that at the end of 2015 a copy of each approved Form A from the last three calendar years will be provided to the Town Clerk. These will be copied by Ms. Teena Parton when she updates the spreadsheet of Form As on file to include all approved Form As for calendar year 2015.

Review of Mail:

- Town of Monterey Notice of Public Hearing on December 9, 2015 to consider the application to Board of Appeals by E. Rosen, M. Rosen and Eric Rosen to make modifications to interior stairs, living room, lower vestibule and deck at 7 Arts Road.
- Copies of letters from David Herrick, Township 911 Coordinator, to Town Clerk assigning the following numbers:
    - #881 to lot 83 on map 412 owned by Barbara Cooper
    - #527 to lot on Stratford Road owned by Geoffrey and Isobel Martin
    - #297 to lot 22 on map 412 on Hotchkiss Road owned by Ralph Colt Bagley
    - #229 to Cantina 229
    - #231 to house next to Cantina 229

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Old Business:

After members discussed the pros and cons of establishing a maximum setback in a village district, Ms. Morse recommended further discussion with Brian Domina from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. She agreed to contact him with the following inquiries:

- When does the District Local Technical Assistance grant for 2015 expire?
- Can he derive current maximum setback data for the five villages?
- Can he recommend a new formula for determining maximum setback based upon setback of surrounding residences?
- Can he attend the scheduled December 9, 2015 meeting?

Mr. Carson recommended that Chuck Loring, Supervisor of the Highway Department, be invited to the next scheduled meeting on November 11, 2015.

Mr. Carson stated his view that the Bylaw changes proposed to date constitutes sufficient scope to present to the voters.

Ms. Morse noted that while town residents surveyed report they do not want change, the way to prevent unwanted change is to put appropriate protections in place.

Members discussed a revised Mission Statement for placement on the Planning Board page of the Town website.

The wording of the Mission Statement was revised to read as follows:

"It is the purpose and intent of the Planning Board to review land use, suggest modifications to regulatory and advisory documents and provide support to promote the following goals:

- Promote New Marlborough's small-town atmosphere.
- Allow for the continuation of traditional settlement patterns in New Marlborough's five villages.
- Protect the rural and agricultural environment.
- Protect the Town's natural beauty and habitats.
- Encourage a range of living options for a range of incomes and ages.
- Encourage smart economic growth."

Mr. Carson moved to accept this revised wording. Ms. Morse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Ms. Morse recommended the Planning Board host a Business Coffee. Mr. Parton recommended the fire house as the venue.

Ms. Morse noted she would draft an article for the December issue of the "Five Village News". She stated her intention to include the revised Mission Statement for the Town website and an overview of what the Planning Board has been considering over the last few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.