

**New Marlborough Planning Board  
Wednesday May 25, 2016**

**Attendees:**

**Vice Chair:** Charlie Parton

**Members:** Mark Carson

**Other attendees:** Jane Tant (secretary)

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting were approved. (Due to the resignation of Ms. Morse, the members present were the only current Planning Board members also present on May 11th.)

**Review of Mail:**

Town of New Marlborough Board of Selectman Notice of Public Hearing on June 20, 2016 to consider the special permit application by J. Edward Odegaard to extend the "pipe shed" by eight feet at 208 Norfolk Road. The application was approved by those members present. A copy of these minutes will be sent to the Select Board.

Town of Great Barrington Notice of Public Hearing on June 27, 2016 Decision to consider the special permit application by Andrew and Marymar Ruggles, Drifting North LLC, for work in a floodplain to replace the foundation of an existing barn at 106 Hulburt Road.

**Continuing Business:**

Members present discussed areas of potential emphasis in the planned revision and update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). Mr. Parton stated he would like to see the revision focus on issues of current concern to residents. The chief areas of concern he noted were preservation of fresh water resources and management of waste water. Mr. Carson agreed these are areas of concern and additionally mentioned potential consideration of adjustments in lot size and setback for "mega" houses. Mr. Parton said he would discuss these areas of concern with Ms. Lauren Gaherty of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) prior to her expected attendance at the next meeting scheduled for June 8, 2016.

Mr. Carson reported the Selectboard suggested discussion with the New Marlborough Land Trust regarding the availability of fresh water resources on their land.

**New Business:**

Members present discussed their desire to have the Selectboard fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Morse. The names of several residents were mentioned as possible nominees. Members present agreed to make informal inquiries with at least two residents about their interest in serving on the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.