

**New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday August 10, 2016**

Attendees:

Chair: Patricia Hardyman
Members: Mark Carson, James Mullen
Other attendees: Peter Nikitas (Foresight Land Services)
Jane Tant (secretary)

Call to Order: 6:58 pm

Public Comment/Surveyors:

Mr. Nikitas representing Courtney K. and Donna Turner presented a Form A with a drawing of non-buildable which the Turners desire to convey to the Berlinghoff Family Nominee Trust to expand the lot with residence at 166 East Hill Road. There being no concerns, Planning Board members signed the mylar and retained copy of the drawing. A check for \$150 was received.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting were approved as amended with two "yea" votes and one abstention.

Review of Mail:

Town of Great Barrington Notice of Decision by the Selectboard granting the special permit application of Andrew and Marymar Ruggles for work in the floodplain to replace the foundation of an existing barn at 106 Hurlburt Road.

Town of Great Barrington Notice of Public Hearing on August 8, 2016 to act on the special permit application of Hapman Holdings LLC for work in the floodplain to construct a ground mounted solar photovoltaic array on Stockbridge Road.

Town of Great Barrington Notice of Public Hearing on August 22, 2016 to act on the special permit application of Diamond Family LLC to legalize the existing nonconforming six-unit multifamily residential use at 59-61 Taconic Ave.

Town of Great Barrington Notice of Public Hearing on September 12, 2016 to act on the special permit application of Dante Realty LLC to legalize the existing nonconforming eight-unit multifamily residential dwelling at 16 South Street.

Continuing Business:

Ms. Hardyman led the Board in a review of the 87 responses received to date to the Recreation Survey posted on-line. Accounting for household size, the responses represented 145 residents. The survey indicated that walking, hiking, bicycling and swimming were the most popular outdoor activities in which respondents engaged. Not surprisingly, the respondents indicated that improvements in facilities for these activities are desired.

Ms. Hardyman noted that the survey had been publicized via the Five Village News, a notice included with tax bills and posting on Maggie's List. She stated she would seek to have it publicized again in the Five Village News.

Mr. Carson stated he would like to see a designated bike path established when Route 57 is repaved. Mr. Mullen suggested the Town should officially express such a desire in writing before the required engineering work commences.

Ms. Hardyman led the Board in a review of the Action Plan from the Open Space and Recreation Plan of 2004. Board members noted goals accomplished, selected several for deletion, and composed revisions for others. Sections I and II were reviewed with sections III, IV and V to be addressed at the next Board meeting. Ms. Hardyman recorded the agreed upon changes and stated she would forward a document incorporating these changes to members for their review. Corrections would be appropriately discussed at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

Mr. Carson stated he would contact Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to obtain sample Bylaws on photovoltaic installations. This was a follow up to discussion regarding photovoltaic installations in abutting towns and Board concern about potential photovoltaic installations in New Marlborough. Consensus of the Board is that such installations are desired in "brown fields", gravel pits and parking lots but are not desired in green open spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.