

New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday January 27, 2016

Attendees:

Chair: Holly Morse

Members: Mark Carson, James Mullen, Charlie Parton

Other attendees: Jane Tant (secretary)

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting were approved as amended with three in favor and one abstention.

New Business:

Ms. Morse reported receipt of notification from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) of award of technical assistance to New Marlborough under the 2016 District Local Technical Assistance Program (DLTA) for update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). Assistance is to be provided by Ms. Lauren Gaherty, the lead environmental planner at BRPC.

Mr. Mullen reported there was much competition for 2016 DLTA with 27 applications submitted and 16 approved. He also noted Mr. Matuszko, Assistant Director of BRPC, recommended New Marlborough investigate applying for additional aid for the OSRP revision under provisions of the Community Compact as the work should qualify as a "best practice" under terms of the Community Compact. He recommended Ms. Morse contact Mr. Matuszko for further information.

Old Business:

Ms. Morse distributed draft hand-outs prepared for use at future planned public comment sessions, the first of which is scheduled for February 2, 2016. Discussion followed on the degree of specificity to be included in the handouts. Consensus was reached to keep the hand-outs brief and general with the aim of generating discussion and eliciting feedback. Feedback received at the public comment sessions might lead the Board to revisit tentative decisions and make adjustments. Ms. Morse then made a motion to accept the draft handouts for use at public comment sessions. Mr. Parton seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Morse proposed holding a second public comment meeting on February 13 at 10:00 am at the fire house aimed at reaching business owners. She distributed a list of registered businesses in New Marlborough to all members present. Members agreed to a division of labor with each to call approximately 20 business owners known to them extending an invitation to the February 13 meeting. It was agreed each owner would be asked if an email reminder would be desired 48-24 hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Mullen recommended posting of the public

comment sessions in advance in the event three members of the Planning Board are in attendance.

Ms. Morse stated she had received documents from Ms. Hardyman for posting of the last voter approved amendments to the Protective Bylaws. She stated she would verify the language once more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.