

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

**Attendees:**

**Chair:** Holly Morse

**Members:** Mark Carson, Patricia Hardyman, Charlie Parton

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

**Call to Order:** 7:03 pm

**Review of Mail:**

- Town of Great Barrington Notice of Decision modifying Special Permit #831-14 granted to Fairgrounds Realty LLC for work at 659 Main Street deleting condition #6 and adding that no construction activity related to the solar array shall be conducted between 8:00PM and 7:00AM or on Sundays.
- Letter from New Marlborough 911 Coordinator assigning #108 to a property on Sandisfield Center Road (Rt. 57) acquired by Mr. Roman Kropp.

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting were approved as amended with three in favor and one abstention.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Parton reported on a feedback session held at the Firehouse on February 2, 2016 at which he shared prospective changes to the Protective Bylaws being discussed by the Planning Board. On the whole Mr. Parton felt the 20-30 attendees received the proposals positively and extended an invitation to return for a future discussion. Led by Mr. Loring, a number of attendees expressed concern about front and side setbacks of less than 20 feet citing previous experiences with difficulty obtaining access between closely spaced buildings and snow damage to porches close to roadways.

Ms. Morse then directed members' attention to preparations for the scheduled feedback session with business owners on February 13, 2016. She distributed draft handouts to be used at the feedback sessions and suggested deletion of the terms "village district" and "rural district" in favor of more generic terms such as "District 1" and "District 2" to identify the less densely settled and more densely settled areas of the Town. After discussion, members agreed to use the term "village district" in the handout and discuss alternative names/designations of zoning districts with attendees at the feedback session to obtain input. Mr. Parton recommended adding an additional paragraph to the second page of the handout outlining provisions which the Planning Board is not contemplating changing in the Protective Bylaws. Ms. Hardyman agreed to draft this additional paragraph and forward it to Ms. Morse for incorporation in the handout. Ms. Hardyman also recommended informing attendees at the

February 13 meeting that the Planning Board's next initiative is to revise and update the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP).

**New Business:**

Ms. Morse distributed a draft Recommended Course of Action for update of the OSRP received at her initial scoping meeting with Ms. Lauren Gaherty at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) on February 5, 2016. Review of this draft document led Ms. Hardyman to recommend that both Ms. Gaherty and Mr. Mullen be requested to identify the areas of the current OSRP most in need of update/revision. Ms. Hardyman also noted she holds electronic copies of the current OSRP as she participated in the final edit of that document. Members reviewed the cover page of the Five Year Action Plan from the current OSRP and agreed the Summary Statement should be shared with attendees at future feedback groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.