Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, March 21, 2013 • Old School House Common

Members present: Jon Groveman, Julie Medose, Michael Schumacher, Faeterri Silver, and Bob Light. Guest present: Melissa Seifert. Also present: Barbara Burkhalter (recording secretary).

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The members reviewed and approved the minutes of the meeting dated March 7, 2013.

1. Regional Planning Commission Report

Faeterri reported on the meeting she attended (as a guest) on March 12, 2013 and brought back information on VT Health Connect and VT Health Exchange. She was appointed as Representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) by the Selectboard on March 19, 2013.

2. Zoning Administrator's Report

The owners of the Onion River Campground would like to hold a circus there this summer. Capacity would be about 500 people. This presents a possible traffic issue on and off of Route 2.

3. Brief Review of Procedural Changes to Subdivision Bylaws

The Planning Commission (PC) reviewed the proposed changes and discussed ways to expedite the hearing process for major subdivisions (Site Plan Review and Preliminary Plan Review). Jon will forward the re-draft to the PC and after he receives an okay from the members he will send a copy to Bobbi, who will put it on the town website and post a link on the Front Porch Forum (FPF).

4. Plan First Public Meeting

The first public meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The PC discussed ways to conduct the forum; and introduction needs to be written (introduce new work, talk about changes to the Subdivision Bylaws [create an outline], and make a list of bullet points for a visual aid). The PC discussed ways to advertize the meeting (Faeterri and Julie will collaborate); ideas included placing an ad in newspapers and on the radio, posting an ad on the FPF, putting up signs, and telling friends and neighbors about it. It was suggested that the meeting be videotaped. Jon will contact Jackie Cassino from the CVRPC to see if she will be able to attend. The order of presentation will be planned at the next meeting.

5. Other

Faeterri will review the letter from the Chordokoff's concerning net metering. The PC may submit a comment within 30 days of the date of the letter (March 13th).

There is a Town Officer's Education Conference on April 17th; Faeterri, Melissa, Julie, Jon, and Michael are interested in attending. Jon will speak to Bobbi about getting reservations.

The next meeting will be on April 4, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara S. Burkhalter

Final approved April 4, 2013