

## Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, May 2, 2013 • Old School House Common

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

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. The members reviewed, submitted changes and approved the minutes of meetings dated April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### 1. Regional Planning Commission Report

Faeterri discussed the merger of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation. She will be meeting with the Selectboard at their next meeting to get their recommendation. She will be attending an RPC meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the planned merger. She also talked about how the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Affairs are promoting village centered designations; VT Health Connect, and the Transportation Advisory Committee.

### 2. Zoning Administrator's Report

None.

### 3. Review of First Public Forum

19 tan-colored surveys were completed, and the general results show that our current zoning and subdivision system needs work, most agree on protection of wetlands, significant wildlife habitat, historic structures and farmland, would like to see fewer regulations for Zoning and Subdivisions, streamlining process for Minor, and that there is need for creation of affordable (and as came clear in the forum, eldercare) housing.

### 4. Planning Second Public Forum

The next public forum will be on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Advertising and agenda were discussed.

Julie reported on the UVM Town Officers' Education Conference she attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara S. Burkhalter

### Marshfield Planning Commission Survey 2013 Results 19 surveys

1) Which area do you live in Marshfield? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the response that fits best:

2) Which zone(s) your property include(s):

**Village 2**

**Agricultural and Rural Residential 14**

**Forestry and Conservation 4**

Currently, the typical\* buildable zone is all land within 600' of town/state roads (Agriculture and Rural Residential Zone) \*600' from the road is the 'typical' setback for the Forestry and Conservation District. There are also several areas throughout the town which have large tracts of farm land zoned as "Agriculture and Rural Residential".

- 3) The buildable zone should be  
**Increased 6**      **Not changed 8**      **Decreased 2**
- 4) Agricultural land should be in a separate Zone from the Rural Residential (buildable) Zone with more protections for our farm land. (Currently, any land that is zoned as Agricultural on the zoning map is also zoned as buildable.)  
**Yes 10**      **No 6**
- 5) Streamline the application process for small developments and Minor Subdivisions (3 or fewer lots)  
**Strongly agree 5**      **Agree 5**      **Neutral 3**      **Disagree**      **Strongly disagree 1**
- 6) Clarify and further regulate the design standards and application process for large developments and Major Subdivisions (4 or more lots)  
**Strongly agree 1**      **Agree 11**      **Neutral 2**      **Disagree 1**      **Strongly disagree 2**
- 7) Current Zoning / Subdivision system is  
**Perfect**      **Fine 3**      **Needs work 7**      **Has major flaws 3**      **Terrible 2**
- 8) Protection of all wetlands (regulated and non-regulated)  
**Strongly agree 7**      **Agree 3**      **Neutral 6**      **Disagree 3**      **Strongly disagree**
- 9) Protection of significant wildlife habitat  
**Strongly agree 4**      **Agree 8**      **Neutral 6**      **Disagree 2**      **Strongly disagree**
- 10) Preservation of historic structures  
**Strongly agree 4**      **Agree 9**      **Neutral 6**      **Disagree**      **Strongly disagree**
- 11) Preservation of farmland  
**Strongly agree 4**      **Agree 11**      **Neutral 1**      **Disagree 1**      **Strongly disagree 2**
- 12) Creation of housing affordable to moderate or low income families  
**Strongly agree 1**      **Agree 13**      **Neutral 2**      **Disagree 2**      **Strongly disagree**
- 13) Overall, I would like to see **More 3** **Fewer 7** regulations for Zoning and Subdivisions.

Please answer the following:

- 14) Is there a specific issue that brought you here? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) What were/are you expecting from this forum? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) How did you hear about the forum? \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Would you come to another forum? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) What would you like to see at the next forum? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your feedback!**

*Final  
Approved May 16, 2013*