

## Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, February 18, 2016 • Old School House Common

Members present: Jon Groveman, Faeterri Silver and Melissa Seifert. Not present: Michael Schumacher and Bob Light. Also present: Barbara Burkhalter and Bonnie Waninger. The meeting was opened at 7:06 pm.

1. **Changes to Agenda** – Added “look at draft of future forum events flyer” after “approve minutes”
2. **Approve Minutes** - The members reviewed and approved with changes the minutes from the February 4th meeting.
3. **Look at draft of future forum events flyer** – The members reviewed the flyer that Faeterri drafted. They will discuss the date of the forum at the next meeting, when the other members are present
4. **Update on proposed zoning changes for Town Meeting** – Jon briefed the members on the Selectboard hearing on the proposed zoning changes.
5. **Meet with Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission staff about 2016 work plan**

Bonnie Waninger was there to discuss assistance the CVRPC may be able to provide. The members summarized the rejected grant proposal and reviewed their ideas for the two year work plan, which includes creating maps of natural resources in zoning districts, discussing how changes to the zoning address these natural resources and other issues could affect previous build-out analysis (which the CVRPC prepared), and addressing impacts of changing some of the zoning district boundaries. Bonnie advised that more points are awarded to towns with a designated Village Center and that they should find out if any of the commercial property owners would benefit from tax credits (the Agency of Commerce offers a tax credit workshop). The PC would like to see the Selectboard take a lead role on the Village Center designation project.

Other points discussed were protecting key forest areas, implementing the Town Plan, and outreach (having structured conversation points ready [info, ideas, and examples of what would work for our town] and preparing maps to present at future forums).

### 6. Other

- Jon will draft an initial presentation for the forum, which the members will review and discuss at the next meeting.
- Barbara will ask Bobbi to download the rejected grant proposal and email it to the members

The next meeting will be March 3, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Burkhalter

*Final*  
*Approved March 3, 2016*