

Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, April 17, 2014 • Old School House Common

Members present: Jon Groveman, Faeterri Silver, Bob Light, and Melissa Seifert. Member absent: Michael Schumacher.

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Zoning Administrator's Report

There is a situation on Cree Farm Road.

On Taylor Farm Road a landowner applied for a building permit to build a garage in a right-of-way. The landowner would like a variance. The ZA says the town does not allow a variance in right-of-ways.

On RT. 2 there is fill that was deposited in a field that a resident would like to remove; it is not in a floodway and may be removed (according to the state, Marshfield must issue a permit for removal of material if it is in a floodway). The ZA is meeting with someone from the state on Friday at 8 a.m. to discuss this process with the resident.

There is a junk yard on Maple Hill Road that has been unregulated since Marshfield does not have a junk yard ordinance. The ZA has been working with the state to allow the junk yard to continue to operate and would like for it to operate under the state regulations. In order for this to happen the DRB must issue the junk yard a conditional use permit for commercial operation. This process is under way and the hearing is being re-warned because of delays.

2. Regional Planning Commission Report

The RPC did a study on the Great Brook in Plainfield. At the last RPC meeting members discussed how rivers operate during times of flooding.

Mary Nealon, one of the presenters from the study said that in order to assess how streams will operate in a flooding situation it is possible to have a stream mapping and assessment done. She mentioned there are funds available until June 1st, if our town would like to have this done.

Faeterri also attended an Ice Jamming Seminar.

3. Emergency Management

Members discussed whether they would want to apply for the funds available to have the stream mapping done to see what would happen if the dam were to give way during a flood. Members agreed that GMP has likely done a full analysis for a flooding disaster so doing the stream mapping may not be necessary. Members also agreed that it would be wise to ask GMP what information they have available and go from there. The members will discuss this matter further when all of the members are present at their next meeting, which is scheduled for May 1st.

4. Subdivision Process Forms

Melissa printed a draft of a flow chart for review by the other members. Faeterri typed up a checklist for the major subdivision process form. Jon will type up a checklist for the minor subdivision process form.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Seifert

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