

PLAN NH MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2016 AT 7 PM AT ODD FELLOWS LODGE

An organizational meeting was held to review the Community Design Charrette that has just been received from Plan NH following their visit to the Town on October 2 and 3, 2015.

The objective of the meeting was to come up with a plan on how we would review the recommendations coming out of the charrette and move forward where relevant.

The Town applied for a Plan NH Community Design Charrette to seek assistance to identify opportunities for consolidating aging public safety facilities, a site for a store/gas station & community gathering space and to identify economic development opportunities centred on Marlow's unique location and natural amenities.

The main recommendations that came out of the charrette were centred on:

Having a store, gas station and coffee shop.

Keeping up and increasing community events.

Supporting our aging population.

Attracting the younger generation to live and or work in Marlow.

Review Zoning regulations.

Encourage Economic Development.

Promote the Arts.

Expand and improve broadband.

Preserve historical resources.

Expand recreational opportunities, this could include having blue ways, making use of having the Ashuelot River flowing through the Town, having clearly marked biking, cross country skiing and hiking trails, expanding snow mobiling trails to include 4 wheelers. Offering Kayak and canoeing rentals.

Tidy up Tin Shop Pond picnic area and build an information kiosk.

Build a warming hut at Tin Shop Pond for skaters.

Increased publicity on what Marlow has to offer, particularly through social media.

Establishment of a camp ground.

Encouraging Bed and Breakfast establishments.

Widen road shoulders for pedestrian and bike use.

Those present at the meeting after discussion concluded that the best way forward was to look into forming smaller committees to tackle each recommendation and then to come together as a larger

group on a monthly basis. It was also noted that we needed a new name. Since the meeting, a suggestion from a member of the Planning Board has been to call this Plan Marlow. A separate page should be put on the Town website and a write up should be put in the Town Report that is due to be published next month.

The next meeting is going to be on 25 February at 7pm and will take place at the Odd Fellows Lodge.