

MARSHFIELD PLANNING BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2024 – 7:00 PM  
Remote Meeting

**PRESENT:** Mike Biviano, Chair  
Katie O'Donnell, Vice Chair  
Fred Monaco  
Nik Pappastratis  
Scott DeCastro, Associate Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Guimond, Town Planner  
Karen Horne, Asst. Town Planner

**ABSENT:** Kevin Cantwell

At 7:00 PM, Mr. Biviano made a motion to open the meeting. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye; and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

**Scenic Road Hearing (172 South River Street) Trails Committee Pedestrian Improvement**

Mr. Biviano made a motion to open the scenic road hearing for 172 South River St. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye; and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

Neb Bangs, chair of the Marshfield Recreation Trails Committee is the applicant. Mr. Bangs explained that the shoulder trail is proposed in from of 172 South River Street within the layout of South River Street. The shoulder trail will connect the Rail Trail to the Pratt Property. The proposed pathway will be ten feet away from South River Street. Phase I of this project will be from the Rail Trail to the driveway of the Pratt Property. Eventually, Phase II will be a should trail from the driveway to Willow Street. The Police Department, Fire Department, and Wildlands Trust support this project. The path will follow the natural contours and will meander around trees when possible. However, five trees will need to be removed.

Mr. Biviano made a motion to approved the scenic road work at 172 South River St. as proposed and close the public hearing. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye; and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

**Street Improvement Public Hearing - #53 Juniper Road**

Mr. Biviano made a motion to open the street improvement hearing for 53 Juniper Road. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye; and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

Kevin McDonough is proposing to widen Juniper Road from 16 feet to 18 feet with 1 foot cape cod berm and a galley system in order to build a three-bedroom house at 53 Juniper Road.

Pat Brennan provided several comments. Silt sack needs to be under the catch basin during construction. The stormwater drainage modeling is based on the culvert that the applicant is not proposed. The

calculations need to be corrected to remove the culvert and show how the system is working with infiltration.

Mr. Guimond stated that he had received comments from Charlie Swanson at DPW. Mr. Swanson commented that the towns regulations require 20 feet of pavement and a 4ft catch basin.

Mr. Guimond stated that staff support 18 feet of pavement because there is existing drainage on this section of road and the remaining lots on the street are owned by the Church. Also, widening this section of the road would encourage cut-through traffic which would have negative impact on the neighborhood.

Mr. Brennan stated that a 4 ft sump is standard and there should be hood on the catch basin.

Mr. Biviano made a motion to continue the street improvement hearing for 53 Juniper Road to March 4, 2024 at 7:05pm. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye; and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

**Continued Public Hearing Proposed Modification – John Sherman Estates OSRD Special Permit**

Mr. Biviano made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Monaco seconded. The vote was Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye; Mr. Cantwell, Aye; and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

Paul Driscoll has requested that the hearing be continued. He is still working on the as-built plans and the conservation markers for the open space.

Mr. Biviano made a motion to continue the public hearing to February 26, 2024 at 7:05pm. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Cantwell, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye and Mr. Biviano, Aye.

**Adjournment to (Roll Call Vote)**

Mr. Biviano made a motion to adjourn at 7:24pm. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. The vote was Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Pappastratis, Aye and Mr. Biviano, Aye.