

**Town of Marlborough
All Boards Meeting
Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School Cafeteria
November 15, 2005
7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Bader called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School cafeteria. Nancy Bader, Sharon Reiner and Bill Black were in attendance.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

The following residents were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>
Rob Moquin	Parks & Rec.
James Callahan	Assessment Appeals
Michael Langlois	Assessment Appeals
Karen McKinney	BOE
Dennis Soucy	Planning
John Larensen	Planning
Barbara Lazzari	Parks & Rec.
Maggie Hannon	Parks & Rec.
Louise Concodello	BOE/Parks & Rec.
Dave LeJeune	Parks & Rec.
David & Jane Boston	N/A
Rick Baker	N/A
Jim Cherry	RHAM BOE
Tameron Kugler	EDC
Bill Vishnosky	Parks & Rec.
Nancy Baker	Director, Parks & Rec.
Pasquale Amodeo	BOF
David & Liz O'Meara	N/A
Bill LaPoint	PBC
Al Covino	RHAM BOE
Bob Hannon	Town Treasurer
Dennis Hawrylko	N/A
Betty Sullivan	N/A
Nancy Wood	Library Director
Greg Servodidio	EDC
Susan Leser	BOF
Sarah Schultz	Rivereast
Mike O'Neil	RML
Bob Allen	WPCA/RML
Walter Jones	Zoning
Bob Jackson	ZBA
Chris Lawsen	ZBA
Betty O'Brien	BOE
Brian Phelps	Planning
Paul Slot	Zoning
Mike Quincy	Planning/BOF

Joanne Goode	CDAC
Vince Mondo	PBC/WPCA
Tom Giola	Director, Physical Services
Peter Hughes	Director, Planning & Development
David Wagner	PBC/WPCA
Shari Covino	Lake Advisory
Allen Mille	N/A
Carolyn Gatesy	CDAC

3. GUEST SPEAKER: WILLIAM FISH, TYLER, COOPER & ALCORN: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND CHARTER REVISION

Atty. Fish gave a presentation on rules and regulations under the Freedom of Information Act. He then gave a brief presentation on charter revision. He said that Marlborough's charter was last updated in 1985 and the current charter is not working effectively given a number of changes over the years. He said that there are much inefficiency written into the charter that impede the effectiveness of town governance. He said that, along with these technical inefficiencies, there are broader, big picture issues that should be examined. This includes the type of town government, i.e. a 5-member board of selectmen, etc. He suggested that the town proceed with charter revision in two phases – phase 1 dealing with the technical inefficiencies in the document and phase 2 dealing with the broader issues. Atty. Fish said that there should be town-wide debate on the broader issues. He said that charter revision is long overdue in Marlborough. Atty. Fish then explained the charter revision process, which can be quite lengthy. The process is as follows:

- Board of Selectmen presents a proposal for charter revision or a petition is signed by at least 10% of the town population requesting charter revision.
- The appointment of a charter revision commission, up to 15 people, with broad representation of the community.
- Public hearing process, i.e. comments, debate.
- Charter revision commission makes proposal to board of selectmen. There is typically a period of back and forth discussions between the commission and the board of selectmen.
- The new charter is voted on by the residents.

Atty. Fish noted that many towns of similar size to Marlborough have gone through the charter revision process in recent years and their charters could be used as models when going through the process.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sciano