

**Sandisfield Planning Board**  
**Public Hearing and Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00PM**  
**3 Silverbrook Rd**

Present: John, Bill, Roger in person. Doug Seagrin, Jaye Alison Moscariello, George Riley in person. Anina Carr, Wanda Houghtaling, Logan's iPhone on zoom. Paul on John's speaker phone.

1. Open meeting at 7:05 PM.
2. Open Public Hearing at 7:05 PM
3. Hear public comment on and discuss Accessory Dwelling Unit Proposed Bylaw. Anina: Council on Aging discussed. Very in favor, will help seniors stay in their homes and solve a lot of problems in town. Hard to get caregivers out here. This will help. Only issue is how write so it does not become an airbnb type use. Bill said can't do that thru bylaw. Wanda: "Older" seems to be too specific. Several responded that other cases for an ADU are also given. Jaye: could move her sister up here if need be; she is in favor. George: subdivision could have ADU's on it. George: short term rentals, good that it requires building permit. John: Even an airbnb brings in revenue. The town could tax short term rentals. Anina: Control number by septic capacity and sewage disposal rules. In keeping with Discussion of whether meetings are valid if call-in does not work. Paul says meeting is invalid. Roger will continue meeting. Back to size: George take out "be sufficiently large to" in c). Recordings are not public document, minutes are signed and public record. Roger: Inform chair and then anyone can record meeting
4. Hear public comment on and discuss Shared Driveway Amendment to Zoning Bylaw. Wanda: ok as long as an agreement between those sharing it. Doug: will be interesting to see what happens. "There will be no more zoning". Why turnouts every 500 feet? Bill and others: to allow safe passage of vehicles or for fire engines. John: built right in New Marlborough. John: If I put in a bridge, other person would too; the Shared Driveway amendment would make that unnecessary and people could share cost of the bridge. Paul: Has a bridge can be shared, branch off to their lot. Anina: has an example. Otis, Monterey and NM have shared driveways. In Sandisfield, parents have 6 acres. Set up for 2 lots. Intermittent stream. First 50 feet could be shared to avoid having to build a bridge over the stream.
5. Hear public comment on and discuss Dark Sky Education and possible Bylaw. George: This bylaw is a Select Board responsibility. Thanks to Planning Board for work on it. Doug: You're going to tell me to turn off my floodlight. John: I'd have you over to go over it and work it out. Jaye: we now have 2 neighbors withing a slingshot away. Could be a problem. Doug: let people do whatever they want. Bill, John: This is about education, to let people know what is more considerate in choosing and placing their lighting. SB will take on the education piece.
6. Close Public Hearing. John moves, Bill seconds, unanimous.
7. Finalize Bylaws/Resolutions and Vote. ADU vote: John moves Bill seconds, 3-1 in favor. Minority opinion: will lose our open space. When we consume it won't have anything. Shared Driveway vote: Bill moves, John seconds. 3-1 passes. Minority opinion: Paul thinks law that people can't share driveway was done for a reason, to keep population down.
8. Adjourn meeting. Roger moves Paul seconds Unanimous.8:09 PM