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PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Monday August 10th, 2026

Present: Tim Morrell
David Brown
Steve Carroll
Dean Wisniewski

APPROVED
10/19/26.

Guests: Gail Camara-Marks (Assessors) via phone

The meeting opened at 6:02pm.

Dave Brown requested the agenda item regarding upcoming State regulation amendments that would allow 2 and 3 family homes by right in Massachusetts. In West Brookfield, these are currently only allowed by Special Permit. Also discussed keeping data center regulations on radar. Oakham recently lost their case to reject battery storage. Planning Board asked Melinda to email the current bylaw section on battery storage to the Fire Chief for any comments/concerns.

Tim Morrell phoned in Assessor Gail Camara-Marks to discuss issues the office is having with non-filing of building permits. After discussion it was felt the issue was more with employee knowledge than current process. Dave Brown reminded the Board of the Permitting Guidebook and the information this provides to applicants on the correct process to follow. Revisit the Permitting Guidebook at next meeting.

Dave Brown to continue as CMRPC delegate. Dean Wisniewski to be Clerk for the Planning Board.

Minutes of 6/8/2026 meeting approved (DB/SC).

Next regular meeting will be held on 9/14/2026.

Meeting closed 6:57pm (DB/DW).

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Barnes, Secretary