

## Duxbury Planning Commission

### Meeting Minutes December 2, 2010

Members present: Erica Campbell, Brian Fitzgerald, Rick Scharf, Wayne Walker

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Brian Fitzgerald

**Minutes:** In lieu of minutes, the notes from the October 14 and November 11 public outreach meetings were approved.

**Town Plan:** Discussion of the town plan revision continued. Most of the discussion revolved around the points that had been raised at the public outreach meetings. While no final decisions were made, there was good discussion on the topics of energy, transportation, food systems, development patterns, PUDs and economic development. Specific points discussed included:

- The energy section should emphasize efficiency and renewables.
- The plan should set a goal that municipal buildings, included the Crossett Brook Middle School, should be carbon neutral by 2020.
- There should be a long-term source of wood for heating, perhaps by establishing a town forest.
- Education should be a strategy to increase the use of renewables, in collaboration with LEAP.
- Encouragement of renewable energy development should be tempered by careful consideration of the impact on natural and scenic resources, e.g., biomass, hydroelectric and wind.
- There are a number of important issues to address under transportation, including energy use and efficiency.
- Development of broadband access is critical and will be addressed under economic development.
- During future public outreach on the plan, we should continue to try to educate the public on the benefits of PUDs, using examples of successes in other areas to dispel the negative impressions created by poorly-done developments in the region.
- Overlay districts should be considered an option to address issues like development of ridgelines.
- Changes in the definitions of the zoning districts should be considered as a way to encourage desirable development patterns.

There was also discussion of the timing of the plan revision. Members acknowledged that we would not have a draft of the plan ready for town meeting as originally planned. The goal is to have specific proposals available for discussion. Brian will look into our options to ensure that the current plan does not expire.

**PC Budget:** The group discussed the PC budget for this year and how the money has been spent. There was some sentiment to pay a clerk to take minutes. There was also discussion of the annual maintenance fee for the Apex sketching software owned by the town. This package is not used by the PC, and, from the PC's perspective, the site license can be discontinued. Brian will talk to Ken Scott about budget issues for next year.

**Next Meeting:** January 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm, in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes by Brian Fitzgerald