

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2011

Members present: Erica Campbell, Trevor Cole, Brian Fitzgerald, Garrett MacCurtain, Rick Scharf
Guests present: Susan Senning

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald

Trevor was welcomed to the commission, having been appointed by the selectboard on April 11.

Minutes: On motion by Rick/Garrett, the minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting were approved as written, 3-0-1.

Family Dollar Proposal: Erica reported on recent developments. She attended the March 31 Moretown DRB meeting, which was well attended. The owners and their engineer, Charles Grenier, went over changes to site plans and talked about site design and transportation. The Waterbury town manager had submitted two letters, raising concerns about traffic and other issues. The DRB granted the Town of Waterbury interested party status. Ames Robb submitted comments on behalf of the citizens group that went into some detail about why this project doesn't conform to the town plan and regulations. Finally, the tenants of the house that will be razed spoke, noting traffic problems at the Vermont 100/U.S. 2 intersection. The DRB has closed the record and a decision is imminent. Erica opined that the project is likely to receive town approval.

No further action by the planning commission is needed at this time, but we will continue to monitor developments relative to the DRB's decision, any appeals, and Act 250 review.

Town Plan: There was extensive discussion of Rick's draft of the new food and agriculture section, which he had distributed prior to the meeting. The draft was well-received and those present offered numerous suggestions to incorporate into the next draft. Trevor agreed to update the community profile and land use sections, and there was discussion of both updates and new information that could be included.

Brian expressed concern that we will not have the revised plan ready for adoption by August, when the current plan expires. Members agreed that we will see where we stand at the May meeting and determine if we should recommend readopting the current plan to allow us more time to complete the revision. In the meantime, Brian will conduct some research about the adoption process and any negative consequences that could result by readopting the current plan.

Organizational Issues: Brian was selected to serve as chair for the coming year. Erica agreed to serve as vice-chair, with responsibility for conducting meetings if Brian is unavailable. The group decided to continue our current meeting schedule: second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 12 at 6:30 p.m., in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald