

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2012

Members present: Erica Campbell, Trevor Cole, Brian Fitzgerald, Garrett MacCurtain

Guests: Greg Western, Duncan McDougall, Dick Charland

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald

Minutes: On motion by Garrett/Trevor, the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Cross-Vermont Trail: Greg Western of the Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) described the existing route of the Cross Vermont Trail through Waterbury. From the east, the trail enters the village on U.S. 2 and then follows a route near the river at the rear of the state complex, with parking near the new forensics lab. The trail continues along the river at the edge of the agricultural field to the cemetery, then crosses the river on the Winooski Street Bridge and follows the River Road west. The CVTA would like to establish a route along the River Road from Duxbury Corner to Winooski Street. A key section is at the winding section of River Road, which is dangerous to pedestrians due to limited sight distances and vehicles travelling too fast. Waterbury In Motion also has a strong interest in this section, as it would improve the loop walk that currently follows River Road.

Greg and Duncan McDougall described a route that would be almost exclusively on state land. It would leave the road, follow along the river and then return to the road beyond the hazardous section. A very small piece of the trail at the west end would be on adjoining private land. CVTA is planning to reach out to the state and private landowner for permission to develop the route. As envisioned, the trail would involve minimal construction of treadway or other improvements, with the exception of small bridges or streambank stabilization at two stream crossings.

Greg asked if this development would be supported by the town. The trail would be consistent with the town plan. Further, members felt it is a good project and indicated that it has planning commission support. Greg and Duncan will pursue landowner contacts and contact the zoning administrator to determine what local approvals may be required.

Issue Updates:

- No developments on the state farm Act 250 case.
- On the U.S. 2/Vermont 100 traffic study, Erica reported that VTTrans does not support the three-way stop alternative, even on an interim basis. Alternatives that are in play are access management and streetscape improvements, two options involving traffic lights, and a roundabout.

Other Business: There was a brief discussion of the status of the revised FEMA floodplain maps. Brian will check on this and report back at the next meeting. Garrett described a possible joint (Waterbury/Duxbury) proposal for a Community Development Block Grant. Recruitment for the vacant position on the commission continues.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald