

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes August 9, 2012

Members present: Erica Campbell, Trevor Cole, Garrett MacCurtain, Don Welch

The meeting was called to order by Erica Campbell

Minutes: On motion by Don/Trevor, the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Town Plan: The following decisions were made following discussion:

- Include recommendations in each section
- Same recommendations will be in a stand-alone "Recommendations" section
- Whole plan will exist in a Word document and PDF
- Each chapter will also be posted as a PDF for easy download on the town website
- Formatting – table of contents / tables of figures and tables
- Use same color for tables and graphs (purple shades)

Timeline --

- September 30 – all sections sent to other members for review
- October PC meeting – review 3 sections
- November – Review 4 sections
- December meeting – Review 4 sections
- January – Collate all sections and format
- February – post draft plan for public input
- March – Revised based on public input
- Late April – town vote

Sections --

- Erica – Transportation and economic development
- Garrett – Energy and education
- Trevor – Community profile
- Don – Land Use Planning and Housing
- Brian – Natural resources and history (minor updates)
- Rick's sections – Food Systems / Agriculture

Emergency preparedness – there is a hazard mitigation plan for Duxbury but the town plan should also address if application (for example, proactive development that mitigates future flooding)

Other Business: Dollar store on Top Notch property - According to lawyers of the citizens group that submitted the appeal to environmental court, Top Notch experienced significant financial loss as the result of Tropical Storm Irene. Also as a result of Irene and other factors, the site may no longer be suitable for development in accordance with the permitted plan. Top Notch is working through these problems but requires additional time to determine whether there is a workable plan.

The permit to build a dollar store will be declared void, the appeal will be dismissed, and Topnotch will reserve the right to re-apply in the future. In other words, it will be as if there never was any application granted.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room. The meeting will be a working session on the town plan.

Minutes by Erica Campbell