

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes May 9, 2013

Members present: Erica Campbell, Trevor Cole, Kim Greenwood, Garrett MacCurtain, Brian T. Fitzgerald

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

Minutes: On motion by Kim/Garett, the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission/Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation Merger

Proposal: There was extensive discussion of the proposal to merge the CVRPC and CVEDC. Planning commission members did not feel that the merger committee report presented a compelling case to merge the two, and there is concern that the planning role and planning support for the town could be diminished, if not immediately, then over time. Representatives of other town have expressed similar reservations in emails.

Brian will attend the meeting of the RPC on Tuesday where this will be the major topic for discussion. While the decision process is unclear at this point, it does not appear that the town has to take a position immediately. Brian will keep the planning commission and selectboard apprised.

Town Plan: There was some discussion of a bill recently passed by the legislature to require town plans to address flood resilience. While the bill won't take effect until 2014, we will attempt to do this in our current revision. The remainder of the time was spent discussing the process and schedule for completing the plan:

June 13 – All chapters shared with internal planning commission reviewers

July 11 – All chapters complete

August 12 – Share draft with RPC, adjoining towns, et al.

September 12 meeting – Planning commission hearing on draft plan

September 26 – Draft plan and report to selectboard

October 28 or 29 – Selectboard hearing on plan (subject to selectboard scheduling)

November – Town vote on final plan (tentative)

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: July 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room. The planning commission will not meet in June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald