

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes July 11, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald

Minutes: On motion by Erica/Garrett, the minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Town Plan: There was discussion of the status of the chapters. The table below summarizes the current status.

Section	Author	Reviewer	Status
Community profile	TC	EC	reviewed
Utilities	TC	GM	pending
History	DHS	BF	pending
Energy	GM	TC	sent for review
Education	GM	EC	reviewed
Natural resources	BF	KG	reviewed
Transportation	EC	BF	reviewed
Land use	KG	BF	pending
Economic development	EC	GM	pending
Agriculture & food systems	EC	TC	sent for review
Housing	TC	EC	reviewed

Brian explained that Kim has asked members of the Duxbury Historical Society to review the history chapter and add more recent material . The goal is to have all sections completed and reviewed by August 1. Garrett will compile and format a complete document.

Brian will investigate process for adopting the plan, i.e., board vote or town vote.

State Planning Grant: Members agreed that we are not in a good position to seek a planning grant this year.

Other Business:

- Status of state farm sale – Brian and Erica reported that neither the easement donation to the Duxbury Land Trust or the property sale to Steven Noyes have been completed by the State of Vermont. Alan Quackenbush has asked Rep. Adam Greshin for assistance. There was a question about the status of the Act 250 proceeding for Noyes development. Brian will check.
- Conservation of Dowsville Headwaters property – Brian reviewed the proposal by the Trust for Public Land to conserve a 2,085 acre parcel of land in South Duxbury. The land was heavily logged in the 1990s but is currently undeveloped and used for a variety of recreation: snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, walking. The property is adjacent to Camels Hump State Park and would be transferred to the state. The Trust is seeking support from the planning commission and selectboard for an application for federal Forest Legacy funds for the project. An analysis shows that state ownership will not reduce town tax receipts. On motion by Garrett/Trevor, the commission voted unanimously to authorize Brian to send a letter of support on behalf of the planning commission.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald