

Duxbury Planning Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2015

Members present: Alan Quackenbush, Doug Weber, Brian T. Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald.

Agenda Changes: none

Minutes: On motion by Alan/Doug, the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Steve Noyes State Farm Development: The DRB will be reviewing a proposal by Mr. Noyes to develop apartments and offices in some of the former state farm buildings. The planning commission has no concerns with the proposal, as it seems to be a good way to redevelop these historic buildings.

Dowsville Headwaters Property: The commission discussed some of the issues related to parking and access at the top of Ward Hill Road and at Vigilante Road. Doug asked if acquisition of the property can proceed while these details are being worked out. Brian believes they can – the Town is on record as supporting the project, and the Trust for Public Land is working to raise the remaining funds and finalize the acquisition. Brian will get in touch with Kate Wanner at TPL and try to schedule a site visit once mud and snow conditions are more conducive.

Father Logue Property/Town Forest: Alan reported on the discussion at the House Corrections and Institutions Committee meeting on April 1. The Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation is seeking legislative approval to transfer the two parcels to the town. (The Logue Property will be transferred from BGS to FPR by an executive order.) The committee had some questions for BGS about the Father Logue parcel that needed further research. This issue was on the committee's agenda on Tuesday, April 21, but we haven't heard how that went. Brian will check in with FPR and contact Reps. Grad and Greshin so they are aware of the project and can help move it through the legislative process.

High Meadows Fund Grant Applications: Brian and Alan reported that the Selectboard voted to support multi-town grant applications for two flood resiliency projects. Final applications have been submitted to the High Meadows Fund. No further action is needed until we hear whether one or both of the projects will be funded.

Regional Planning Commission Appointments: Brian reported that the Selectboard appointed him to represent Duxbury on the RPC. Alan was appointed alternate.

Next Meeting: The May 14, 2015 meeting is cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald