

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes August 13, 2015

Members present: Erica Campbell, Doug Weber, Brian T. Fitzgerald

Others present: Steve Lotspeich

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald.

Agenda changes: none

Minutes: On motion by Erica/Doug, the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Green Mountain Byway: Steve Lotspeich gave a presentation on the Green Mountain Byway, a corridor centered on Vermont Route 100 in Waterbury and Stowe. The byway steering committee is exploring the possibility with Duxbury and Morristown about extending the byway to include one or both of those communities. The byways program is a way to highlight and promote the historic, cultural, scenic and recreational opportunities in the community.

Planning commission members were generally supportive of the concept and could foresee potential benefits to Duxbury. However, there was agreement that this would not be a good time to pursue designation given the commission's high priority project to update the town's zoning to bring it into conformance with the town plan. Steve agreed that the byway is not an urgent issue that could be deferred until the planning commission can take it on. Members of the commission thanked Steve for meeting with us and explaining the byway program.

Municipal planning grant application: Erica reviewed the work she has done thus far and where there are gaps in the application that need to be filled. She will use the review of zoning and town plan provisions that Alan provided to get examples of where the two differ. Doug will look into getting some information from consultants and scope of work and costs for a project like this. Brian reported that he alerted the selectboard that a complete application will be ready before their September 14 meeting, and that their approval of the application will be needed at that time to meet the September 30 application deadline.

Town forest: Brian reported on developments since our last meeting. Discussions on the memorandum of understanding and easement are underway with FP&R. The selectboard has been briefed. During that briefing, board members expressed an interest in having the easement allow the public to drive as far as the former camp site to improve public access to the property. Some field work to determine the location and condition of the property boundaries should be done this fall.

Mad River Valley and Harwood UHS stormwater projects: Brian reported that both projects are getting started and representatives of the town are involved. No action is required at this point.

Other business: none

Next meeting: September 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald