

Duxbury Planning Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2020

Members present: (remotely) Alan Quackenbush, David Wendt, Bill Whitehair

Others present: (remotely) David Specht, interim zoning administrator

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Public comments: None

Adoption of minutes: David Wendt moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting; Bill Whitehair seconded. All voted to approve.

Zoning revisions: We continued revisions of the Zoning By-laws with a review of the Flood Overlay District. There does not seem to be any need for revisions to this district, as the requirements for basic flood insurance have not changed since 2018, when the draft flood overlay district was written. We discussed the need to put the Certificate of Occupancy definition back into the zoning as it has some applicability in this district when looking at homes that have been damaged by flood waters.

David S. had provided an analysis of setbacks from the centerline of Main Street in the village district and how different setback would result in the number of non-conforming lots becoming conforming. This information was shared with the commission.

Davis S. also had shared an article by the VT League of Cities and Towns regarding abandoned houses. Additionally, he spelled out the ways that streams and rivers could be protected through zoning: A 50 ft buffer zone requirement; adopting river corridor management; or researching and developing a Community Resiliency Score. Unfortunately, these have all been rejected by the town or town residents. Future tasks of the planning commission could include work on a strategy of water quality and stream habitat protection that is acceptable to the town.

Broadband update: Henry was not present to update us on the Fiber survey and other projects.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: August 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. place tbd

Minutes by: Alan Quackenbush