

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2010

Members present: Erica Campbell, Brian Fitzgerald (chair), Garrett MacCurtain, Rick Scharf

Guests Present: none

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Brian Fitzgerald

Minutes: Minutes of the May 4 meeting adopted on motion by MacCurtain/Scharf. Minutes of the June 1 meeting adopted on motion by Campbell/Scharf.

Zoning Petition: Brian gave an update on the status of the zoning petition addressing windpower and chimney height. The selectboard held a public hearing on June 14 that was lightly attended. David Specht discussed with the board his rationale for the proposed changes. The board decided to take up the issue again at its July 12 meeting.

Town Plan Revision: Brian reported that Chris Walsh of the CVRPC would attend the August planning commission meeting to discuss the plan and provide us with some advice on both content and process.

Commission members then continued their review of the town plan with a more detailed discussion of changes in the various sections and material to be added in new sections.

Brian noted there are few changes needed to the history section written by Alice DeLong except for a couple of minor updates. He wondered if it is necessary to include the current ownership of historic buildings, but others noted that is the only way most people will be able to identify the buildings.

In the natural resources chapter, Brian noted that there is a lot of interesting information but it may be more detailed than necessary.

Erica discussed changes to the other land use policies section, as described in Attachment 1. Under economic development, there was discussion of expanding it by adding information on the benefits of locally-owned businesses and home-based enterprises. The plan should support local agriculture, small-scale logging and similar endeavors. The plan should also consider other areas of the town for business development beyond the few identified in the current plan. There was general support for making these additions.

Erica also discussed changes to the transportation section (Attachment 1).

Garrett reviewed the education section, which needs updating but no major changes. Rick reviewed community utilities.

There was discussion of three new chapters: energy, food and agriculture and governance and civics. Garrett reviewed his ideas for the energy chapter, and Rick presented his outline for food and agriculture (Attachment 2). Rick also suggested the governance chapter, which would cover topics like government structure, meetings, and the importance of civic engagement and service to the town.

Finally, there was discussion of the timing and format for our planned public engagement session in the fall. That will be something we will discuss with CVRPC at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: August 3 at 6:30 pm in the town meeting room

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Minutes by Brian Fitzgerald