

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes February 10, 2011

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

Guests present: Jodi Carpenter, Doug Weber, Scott Woodard

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Brian Fitzgerald

Minutes: On motion, the minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting were approved, unanimous.

Family Dollar Proposal: Erica reviewed the draft letter to the Moretown Development Review Board then opened the floor for discussion. Scott Woodard objected to the planning commission getting involved in a project in a neighboring town without an affirmative vote at town meeting. PC members and others present explained that this is an appropriate role for the commission, given the project's close proximity to Duxbury. They further explained that the commission is not opposing the project, but is raising concerns about the effect additional traffic will have on the U.S. 2/Vt. 100 intersection and the aesthetics of the project in this gateway area. Mr. Woodard thanked the commission for listening to his concerns and departed.

Discussion of the dollar store proposal continued, focusing on the traffic study, the level of service of the intersection and the need for improvements. On motion by Rick, seconded by Erica, the letter was approved with revisions reflecting the discussion. Motion passed, unanimous.

Brian committed to contacting Selectboard Chair JoAnn Berno prior to sending the letter and addressing any concerns she may have with our role in this process.

Town Meeting: There was discussion of ways to engage people at town meeting in the town plan revision process. Brian agreed to revise the town plan update that Erica drafted and share the revision prior to town meeting. We'll have a table staffed by PC members and try to engage people in the planning process. Garrett will develop some provocative questions that we can ask to generate some input from town residents.

Next Meeting: March 16 at 6:30 p.m., in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald