

## Duxbury Planning Commission

### Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald

**Minutes:** On motion by Rick/Erica, the minutes of the June 9, 2011 meeting were approved as written, 4-0.

**Town Road Committee:** Brian explained that the selectboard had set up a committee to look at some issues related to town roads. The committee is chaired by Dick Charland. Other members are Randy Berno (DRB chair), Bob Magee, Harry Rook, Steve Manosh and Brian, who was asked to participate as chair of the planning commission. The first meeting of the committee was held on July 12.

The committee was established because questions have arisen about the process and criteria that apply when a request is received by the town to assume maintenance responsibility for a private road or to reclassify existing town rights-of-way. There was some concern that the issue could be on town meeting agenda, so the selectboard decided to address it now. Another factor is the recent study of alleged speeding along Main Street. The intent is to address these issues in a town road/traffic ordinance.

There was discussion and questions about the committee and its work. Commission members were very interested in the issues and saw a direct link to the town plan. Brian will keep the commission apprised of the committee's work and noted that the meetings are open to the public. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the town garage meeting room.

**Town Plan:** Discussion focused on how it would be helpful if the commission could develop a presentation that would help town residents visualize options for future development and use feedback from that presentation in drafting the plan revision. One specific question is whether it is preferable for new residential development to disperse into currently undeveloped areas or to be more concentrated in certain areas. The commission decided to explore funding opportunities to engage a consultant for such a study as well recommend incentives that could be used to encourage particular development patterns. The goal would be to have a discussion of these questions at town meeting so that the commission has a better sense of how to proceed. Brian and Erica will conduct some research on funding and possible consultants for discussion at the next meeting.

Garrett reported that he attended the recent public meeting held by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to discuss the draft management plan for Camel's Hump State Park. Garrett suggested, and commission members agreed, that the new plan should include more information about the park and its benefits to the town.

**State Farm Development:** Brian noted that he had received a copy of a letter to the developer from Ed Stanak, Coordinator for the District 5 Environmental Commission. The letter noted that the Act 250 application for the state farm development project is incomplete and requested additional specific information to get the Act 250 process moving. No further action will be taken until the application is complete.

**Other Business:** Erica reported that the citizens group had appealed the Moretown Zoning Permit for the dollar store to the Environmental Court. Her understanding is that the appeal will not be acted upon by the court until the Act 250 process is complete. To date, it does not appear that an Act 250 application has been filed.

Erica also reported that she had declined, with great regret, an offer to represent Duxbury on the Central Vermont RPC board. She felt that she did not have the time to do a good job. Other commission members are in similar situations, but Erica will reach out to some other town residents who may be interested.

**Next Meeting:** August 11 at 6:30 p.m., in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald