

Duxbury Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Members present: Alan Quackenbush, Doug Weber, Brian T. Fitzgerald

Others present: Maureen Harvey, David Specht

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Brian Fitzgerald.

Agenda changes: Move discussion of hearing schedule and add comments on annual report.

Minutes: On motion by Alan/Doug, the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Public comment: David Specht presented a petition stating *[w]e the undersigned petition the Duxbury Planning Commission to eliminate section 4.6 entitled Wetland and Stream Corridor Standards from the Draft of the Duxbury Zoning regulations dated December 1, 2017, and NOT replace it with the Discussion Draft dated December 11, 2017, or any other regulations at this time.*

David explained his rationale behind the petition, noting that it is really a public comment by 27 individuals, rather than a petition to amend zoning as provided in state law. Discussion of Section 4.6 was deferred to the section-by-section review of the regulations.

Review of regulations: The planning commission reviewed changes made to the draft regulations since the last meeting. Four additional changes were made, the most significant being an explicit statement allowing continued maintenance of lawns and managed vegetation areas within stream buffers.

The group reviewed the proposed map corrections in the Village and State Farm districts. There were no objections to the proposed changes. The changes will be part of the revised zoning proposal.

Alan moved, and Doug seconded a motion to initiate the public comment period on the current draft, as amended, and schedule a public hearing for February 8.

Review of other documents: Commission members reviewed other documents that are required as part of the public notice. A few changes were noted and will be incorporated.

Schedule: Following the public meeting on February 8, the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on February 15 to complete its work before passing the draft regulations along to the Selectboard.

Annual report: Doug and Alan were fine with the draft distributed previously.

Next meeting: Public hearing on February 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the town garage meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes by B.T. Fitzgerald