

**Town of Dorset Planning Commission
Special Meeting
March 2, 2016**

Members Present: Brooks Addington (Acting-Chairman), Brent Herrmann, Carter Rawson, Charlie Wise, Dick Coss

Members Absent: Gay Squire,

Also Present: Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator), Jonathan Dodson (Dorset Union Store), Arnie Gottlieb, Lindy Bowden (DRB), Kit Wallace (DRB)

B. Addington, Acting-Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Chair to Note Any Changes in Agenda

None

Disclosure of Any Conflicts of Interest

None

Have Board Members Introduce Themselves. Invite Other Attendees To Do The Same and State Why They Are Attending

Report from the Design Review Board/DRB Minutes of 2/15/16

K. Wallace, representing the DRB, stated that the Dorset Union Store has requested to remove an existing side roof on the west side of the building and replace it with a larger roof. The application was approved by the DRB.

J. Dodson explained that the he will be removing a small roof between two existing roof lines and replacing it with a 4' x 12' shed style roof. This roof will be unsupported with nothing going to grade. The existing window that is blocked from inside will be removed and replaced with clapboard. The C. Rawson and T. Yandow asked what roof material and color would be used and J. Dodson responded the same as the existing roof material (faded red bi-metal ribbed).

K. Wallace informed the PC Board they are recommending a new member to serve on the DRB Board – Arnie Gottlieb. A. Gottlieb noted that he has lived in Dorset approximately one year and that art and architecture are his passions which ties into serving on the DRB Board.

C. Rawson moved and C. Wise seconded to approve the DRB minutes of February 15, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Wise moved and B. Herrmann seconded to recommend Arnie Gottlieb to the Select Board to be appointed to the open position on the DRB Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

T. Yandow suggested that if the PC members know of anyone interested in serving on the PC Board, to forward their names to him or have them fill out and submit the application listed on the Dorset web site.

K. Wallace asked if the Select Board positions were advertised and T. Yandow responded that the Town is advertising all positions. T. Yandow, in answer to B. Herrmann's question, stated that the usual procedure for appointment to the PC Board is for the PC members to interview and approve a potential member and then pass their name on to the SB for appointment to the Board. It was the hope of the members that the previous process of member selection would be continued. D. Coss and B. Herrmann have both agreed to continue serving for another four years on the PC Board as their term will end April 30, 2016.

C. Wise thought it was a good time to open a dialogue with the residents to reset to a level platform to work constructively together. B. Addington expressed that it was difficult to have a fluent dialogue with 25 plus people and is open to anything that could improve the atmosphere. T. Yandow said that it became evident at one meeting that after a 20 minute presentation, someone was against the proposal, but it was clear that they did not understand what was said. He felt there was a disconnect from the knowledge given and suggested that visual presentations might be effective. B. Addington expressed that when contentious issues will be discussed, it might be a good idea to reach out to the public to get a better sense of what they understand of the topic and how they would vote. C. Wise suggested an interactive process and B. Herrmann felt they needed to be involved from the beginning of the discussion, not just the end. C. Wise suggested that it might be possible to have leaders who would head up the groups who would be able to be the spokesperson on the issues. Discussion ensued regarding ideas to improve communication and T. Yandow mentioned the form-based codes process.

B. Addington listed the ongoing PC topics as: 20% slope, one acre knock-off, the DRB criteria review and marijuana legalization/sales. K. Wallace asked that renewable energy such as solar farms be placed on the list for discussion so that the PC can be pro-active. T. Yandow stated that next week, the BCRC meeting would be discussing this issue (Thursday, March 10th, 5:30 p.m. at the Arlington High School). B. Addington suggested that J. LaVecchia and/or N. Faesy (BCRC Representatives) attend the next PC meeting to report on this meeting. It was suggested that the DRB criteria be reviewed at the next PC meeting along with the solar farm topic. The other subjects are to be put on the agenda when there are more members. B. Addington noted that he felt the DRB criteria might lean too much to the subjective side and T. Yandow asked that the PC members marked up their copies of the DRB criteria and send them to him.

Adjournment

B. Herrmann moved and C. Rawson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

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Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Jonathan Dodson	2167 Dampford Rd	DUS	Yes
ARWIE GOTTLIEB	PO Box 531 Dorset	Self	No
Lindy Bowden	Box 874 Dorset	Self/DRB	—
Kit Waller	2113 Upper Hollis Ave	DRB	Yes