

Town of Dorset Planning Commission January 5, 2016

Members Present: Danny Pinsonault (Chairman), Dave Lawrence, Howard Coolidge, Gay Squire, Carter Rawson, Charlie Wise

Members Absent: Brooks Addington (Vice-Chairman), Brent Herrmann

Also Present: Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator), John B. LaVecchia, dick coss, Lindy Bowden, Kit Wallace, Roger Squire, Nancy Faesy, Clarissa Lennox, D. Green, Ramsay Gourd (Daniels Residence), Henry Chandler, Kevin O'Toole

D. Pinsonault, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chair to Note Any Changes in Agenda

None

Conflicts of Interest

D. Pinsonault explained that if any Board member thinks that they would have a problem making a decision on any item brought before the Planning Commission, they should notify the Chairman.

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

Approve Minutes of December 1, 2015

G. Squire stated that under the 20% slope discussion, her comment regarding site visits should read that she wants them required. D. Lawrence moved and H. Coolidge seconded to approve the December 1, 2015 minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0 (C. Rawson abstained).

Report from the Zoning Administrator

T. Yandow reported as follows:

- The ZBA has given conditional use approval to the Barrows House event barn.
- Amendment to Subdivision Permit MI-1-98 was approved administratively by the ZA as a boundary line adjustment.
- 108 Church Street (Callen) is in violation of its permit and J. O'Dea is preparing legal paperwork.
- Seven zoning permits were issued from November 25, 2015 to December 29, 2015.

Interview Candidate for Open PC Seat

Clarissa Lennox noted that she is interested in the Town and would provide another point of view giving a cross-section of representation. She expressed that she only wants the best for Dorset and felt that it was important as neighbors and friends to make "things" work.

Richard Coss stated that he has lived in Arlington for 35 years and has now moved to Dorset. He has an interest in serving the Town and has a varied background with businesses and Boards. R. Coss noted that he could look at both sides of an issue and come to a consensus.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to table this agenda item until the end of the meeting to make a decision.

Report from the Design Review Board

K. Wallace reported that approval from both the DRB and PC had been given for renovations to Mark & Natalie Daniels of 86 Church Street. Once construction started, it was found that the building structure had substantial deficiencies causing more extensive repairs to be necessary. R. Gourd was present to explain that it was necessary to remove the unsafe portions of the building and to rebuild to look the same as the original. H. Coolidge moved and D. Lawrence seconded to approve the January 4, 2016 DRB minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution Requesting funds for Technical Review of Bylaw

D. Lawrence moved and H. Coolidge seconded to approve the resolution dated January 5, 2016 to request funding from the Select Board for a professional planner to do a complete technical review of the existing zoning Bylaws. Motion carried 6-0.

VLCT Workshop: Conducting Effective Meetings

Garrett Baxter, Senior Staff Attorney, with the VLCT presented slide show and passed out a packet of information on the "Rules of Procedure and Ethics Manual." He explained effective methods for conducting meetings and hearings along with answering audience questions. The packet of materials is available to read at the Town office.

Public Comments Taken

None

Other Business

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to set time frames on future agendas so that each item will be assigned a certain amount of time.

D. Lawrence moved and C. Wise seconded to move to Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. pursuant to 1 VSA 313 (a) (3) to discuss PC member appointment. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session ended at 9:15 p.m. with the PC Board members announcing that they have selected R. Coss as the person to forward to the Select Board for possible appointment to the Board.

Adjournment

D. Lawrence moved and H. Coolidge seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Planning Commission

Date 1/5/16

Regular Meeting X

Special Meeting

(Please Print)

Testifying

Name	Address	Representing	(Yes or No)
John B. Lekechua	P.O. Box 172	ZBA	
Dick Cess	PO Box 814	SELF	
Lindy Bowden	PO Box 874	self	?
Kit Weller	2173 Upper Hollow Rd	SRB	Y
ROGER SQUIRE	PO Box 798	self	N
Nancy Fussy	PO Box 517	self	?
Charissa Lannox	PO Box 995	"	?
D. GREEN	POB 881	"	"
RAMSAY GORD	P.O. B. 300-05254	DANIELS RES.	Y.
Henry Chandler			
Kevin O'Toole			