

Town of Dorset, Vermont



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Town of Dorset Planning Commission December 5, 2017

Members Present: Brooks Addington (Chairman), Brent Herrmann, Kit Wallace, Scott Thompson, Charlie Wise, Dick Coss

Members Absent: Gay Squire (Vice Chairperson), Carter Rawson, Adam Danaher

Also Present: Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator), Nancy Faesy (BCRC Rep)

B. Addington, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Chair to Note Any Changes in Agenda

B. Addington noted that discussion of formula based businesses would be placed on next month's agenda.

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

Ask if Anyone Other Than the Secretary Intends to Make an Audio or Video Recording of the Meeting

Approve Minutes of November 7, 2017

Approval of minutes was tabled until next month due to lack of a quorum.

Report from the Zoning Administrator

T. Yandow's report covered:

- Town Energy & Transportation Plan ~ a plan should be available for the PC Board to review within the next two months. It may be possible to have J. Sullivan and/or Catherine Bryars available for discussion when the issue is placed on the agenda. The Energy

Committee is working on incorporating possible solar locations in Dorset as required by the criteria. K. Wallace commented that rooftop arrays should be preferred over solar farms. N. Faesy noted that some ground solar arrays are needed and the Committee is looking in Dorset and East Dorset. B. Addington said that the purpose is to give a general overview of the preferred locations (start with base areas & work from there – like a pyramid) and not focus on specific parcels.

- BCRC ~ see below.
- DRB ~ updating Zoning Bylaws Chapter 9.
- Sign Ordinance ~ no information from SB & the noise ordinance has been tabled
- Municipal Planning Grant ~ the pedestrian safety project (sidewalk/crosswalk) has been approved for a grant. Amount is unknown at this time.
- DHART Landing Sites ~ there are several medical landing sites available: Tennis Way, Dorset; MEMS, Manchester; Route 7 –Exit 4, Manchester; Peel Art Gallery, Danby; multiple sites, Arlington
- Received copy of the Town of Winhall’s proposed bylaw revisions.

C. Wise suggested contacting B. Brownlee to see if he would be interested in supporting a pathway from the Village to the store. T. Yandow responded that once he knows more about how the grant is focused, he would contact B. Brownlee. B. Addington stated that the process will probably be scoping, planning, and then funding. He also suggested talking to the Barrows House and homeowners about pathway interest. N. Faesy commented that getting people walking is all part of the energy plan.

Report from Representative to BCRC

BCRC minutes were included in the PC packet and covered Regional Prevention Partnership Grant and SVHC Health Initiatives.

Report from the Design Review Board

K. Wallace noted the following:

- Lynch Demolition Application: Request to demolish an unused cottage, visually hidden from the street. The DRB Board approved the application as presented unanimously.
- DRB bylaw criteria is being updated.

D. Coss moved and C. Wise seconded to approve the November 18, 2017 DRB minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0 (K. Wallace abstained).

Other Business

- B. Addington introduced the topic of the PC Board exploring what needs to happen to help in-fill the Villages with smaller housing and septic systems to reinforce Town centers for millennials and seniors.
- The next PC meeting will be held on January 9, 2017 due to the holiday.

Public Comments Taken

None

Adjournment

B. Herrmann moved and S. Thompson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Planning Commission

Date 12.5.17

Regular Meeting

Special Meeting

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Testifying

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