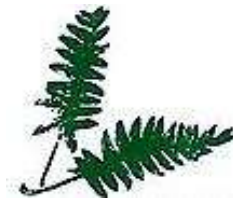


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## **Town of Dorset Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2024**

**Present:** Gay Squire (Chair), Scott Thompson (Vice Chair), Natalie Quigley, David McAneny, David Berard, Connor Welch  
**Also Present:** Tyler Yandow (ZA), Ellen Kirby, Brian McKeon, Michael Pugliese  
**Absent:** Kit Wallace  
**Cc:** R.Gaiotti, K.Wallace, all present

Chair G. Squire opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **Chair to Note Any Changes in Agenda**

None.

### **Disclosure of Any Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

### **Recording of Meeting**

The town video-taped the meeting via *Zoom*.

### **Approval of meeting minutes**

S. Thompson made a motion seconded by D. McAneny to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2023. The motion was approved 7 – 0.

**Zoning Administrator Report** – T. Yandow briefly reviewed his report of January 2, 2024. He noted only one permit had been issued during the past month.

**Report from BCRC representatives** – D. McAneny noted the next BCRC meeting will be held Jan. 18, 2024 at Cole Hall in Shaftsbury. All are welcome to attend.

**Design Review Committee** – M. Pugliese, contractor for E. Kirby, presented the application for work at 281 Church St. The primary work involves replacing windows and a kitchen addition off the garage side of the house. A motion was made by D. Berard and seconded by S. Durgin to approve the application as submitted. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**Other business** – Expiring PC terms. G. Squire asked T. Yandow when each PC and ZBA member's term expires. T. Yandow provided this information. S. Durgin noted that because of his current work commitments, it was unlikely he will be able to remain on the planning commission beyond April 30, 2024. C. Welch said he would be willing to serve a new four-year term starting May 1, 2024. The ensuing discussion focused on how the town might transition from having a Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment to having a Development Review

Board and a Planning Commission. T. Yandow suggested the board draft a memo to the selectboard stating its desire to do so which would be forwarded via the town manager. There was discussion regarding how many members might be on each board and how many existing members would be willing to serve on either new board. G. Squire noted Janet Hurley at BCRC had suggested a joint meeting of the existing planning commission, zoning board of adjustment, and selectboard to discuss this potential change of board format. She will follow up with J. Hurley regarding moving forward with this change.

**Public comment** – None.

**Next regular Planning Commission meeting** – February 6, 2024, 7:00pm. All board members present indicated they would be able to attend.

**Adjournment** - A motion was made by D. McAneny and seconded by S. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45PM. Motion carried 7 – 0.

*An audio/video recording of this meeting was made and is kept at the Dorset town office.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Tyler Yandow AIA  
Zoning Administrator