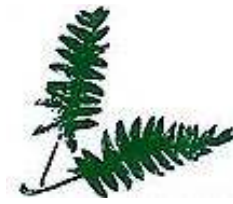


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## Town of Dorset Planning Commission June 1, 2021

Present: Gay Squire (Chairperson), Kit Wallace, Scott Thompson, Scott Ross, Scott Durgin, Natalie Quigley, David Berard, Will Clarke, Conor Welch

Absent:

Also Present: Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator), Will Rucker (DTF), John Cueman, Lisa Cueman, Craig Lawrence, Ellen Kirby, Jonathan Ams, Dina Janis (DTF), Brandy Saxton (part time), Rod Francis (part time)

Gay Squire opened the meeting at 7:02p.m.

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

The chair noted no changes to the agenda.

### **2. Disclosure of Any Conflicts of Interest**

None

### **3. Board Members Introduced Themselves.**

### **4. Recording of Meeting**

No one other than the Zoning Administrator recorded the meeting.

### **5. Approval of meeting minutes of May 4, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes as corrected made by K. Wallace and seconded by Scott Ross. Approved 9 – 0.

### **6. Report from BCRC representative**

The chair noted Nancy Faesy was not present but passed on Nancy's observation that BCRC has done an outstanding job with its work during the COVID pandemic.

### **7. Report from the Zoning Administrator**

T. Yandow noted a significant increase in the number of permits issued during May.

### **8. Report from the Design Review Board**

- Sign for Dorset Theatre Festival at 3390 Route 30 – The design was presented by W. Rucker.
- Replacement sign for Flower Brook Pottery – The sign was presented by K. Wallace.
- Stone wall in front of 3299 Route 30 – The design was presented by J. Ams. The chair suggested the applicant check the location of the wall does not conflict with future sidewalk/multi-use path work by the Town.
- Replace windows at 108 Church St – K. Wallace presented the application. Windows will be Andersen Fiber-X not vinyl as initially presented to DRB. All windows to be custom sizes to match existing windows.
- Small additions and replace windows, siding and trim. Replace asphalt roofing with slate to match existing. 281/283 Church St – The application was presented by Ellen Kirby, the owner. Window styles to be more historically correct.

Motion to approve the above made by S. Durgin, seconded by S. Thompson. Approved 9 – 0.

**9. Site Development Plan Review, 236 Benedict Rd, in Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zone.** New accessory storage building, less than or equal to 500 sq.ft. If supported by foundation walls (not piers), foundation will have flood vents (2 on north side, 2 on south side) to allow water to pass under structure. Outside light over door to be on motion sensor. Motion to approve with condition the floor is at least 1’ above grade and flood vents are installed if structure is supported by foundation walls, made by S. Thompson, seconded by S. Durgin. Approved 9 – 0.

**10. Bylaw Discussion – Private Heliports; Paramilitary training/shooting facilities.**

- Heliports – R. Francis and B. Saxton presented their memo of April 20, 2021, and draft Landing Area Ordinance of April 20, 2021. R. Francis noted the FAA regulates noise and safety, precluding any ordinance from doing the same. Topics discussed were clearing of land, location of landing area in building envelope, minimum lot size, storage & servicing of aircraft, storage of fuel, prohibition of commercial air service, number of take offs and landings allowed, regulations as stand-alone ordinance or part of Bylaw, relationship to Town Plan.
- Paramilitary training/shooting facilities. R. Francis and B. Saxton reviewed their memo of April 29, 2021. Topics discussed were gun control vs. facility control, Slate Ridge facility in Pawlet, definition of use as a “specialty school” or outdoor recreation activity, event permits, nuisances created by this activity, regulation of gun noise, enforcement of regulations, and on-site lodging facilities.

*Placesense* to develop draft regulations for both heliports and paramilitary training facilities to be discussed at August PC meeting. Bylaw discussion to begin at section 3008 (driveways) at July meeting. See draft bylaw discussed at March 2021 PC meeting.

**Public Comments Taken**

None

**Other Business:**

When will in person meetings resume? R. Gaiotti said all restrictions need to have been lifted by the governor first.

**Adjournment**

S. Durgin moved and G. Squire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tyler Yandow, ZA