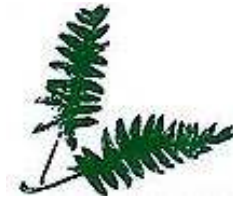


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Town of Dorset Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2022

Present: Gay Squire (Chair), Scott Thompson (Vice Chair), David Berard, Scott Ross, Connor Welch, Scott Durgin, Natalie Quigley, David McAneny, Kit Wallace, Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator)

Also Present: No others

Gay Squire opened the meeting at 7:04 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 Zoning Administrator recorded the meeting on Zoom.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

D. Berard made a motion seconded by S. Thompson to approve the minutes of Sept. 6, 2022. Motion carried 9 – 0. S. Thompson made a motion seconded by S. Ross to approve the minutes of Sept. 19, 2022. Motion carried 9 – 0.

Report from the Zoning Administrator

T. Yandow encouraged PC members to attend Town Fair.

Report from BCRC Representative

N. Faesy noted an upcoming webinar entitled “Land Use Planning for Climate Change” will be aired Nov. 9th and Dec. 7th. There is no cost to attend. The link for registration is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/land-use-planning-for-climate-change-tickets-391709994137>

Design Review Board

No meeting held in September.

Bylaw Discussion

K. Wallace presented her additions to the Town Plan in support of the town’s historic appeal, as well as the prohibition of aircraft landing areas. This was forwarded to C. Bryars/BCRC

for review and comment. She also noted the DRB's suggested edits to the Design Overlay section on pages 2-49 and 2-56. Topics covered were lighting, driveways, sidewalks, and where feasible, to repair rather than replace original building materials. Edits to the proposed bylaw were sent to B. Saxton for review and comment. K. Wallace will forward both documents to all PC members and the ZA via email. These will be reviewed at the November PC meeting. K. Wallace also noted the boundaries of the Design Overlay District were reviewed by the DRB and no changes were suggested.

K. Wallace noted a draft map of a possible Design Overlay District in E. Dorset has been created. Because the residents of the proposed overlay district need to vote on whether to create this, it will not be part of the amended bylaw presented to the Selectboard. There was some discussion regarding listing this area on the National Register of Historic Places. T. Yandow noted town design overlay districts need not be listed on the National Register in order to be created.

G. Squire noted a recent decision by the town of Lincoln to ban aircraft landing areas. It is unclear whether this will be appealed.

It was the general feeling of the board that the amended bylaw could be presented to the Selectboard after reviewing the document with B. Saxton at the Nov. 1, 2022 PC meeting. T. Yandow will contact B. Saxton to determine what times/dates she is available. Public hearings will be held after the document is reviewed by the Selectboard.

Multi-Use Path

The proposed section connecting the Dorset green to H.N. Williams Store was discussed briefly. The question of parking was raised. It appeared to be the consensus of the board that this will not be a problem as most visitors will have parked at their lodging facility, and locals will not drive to the path but rather ride from their homes.

Other Business - None.

Public Comment - None.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7PM. All members indicated they are available to attend. The bylaw discussion will be on the agenda and B. Saxton needs to attend.

Adjournment – 8:30PM - Motion to adjourn was made by G. Squire and seconded by S. Durgin. Motion carried 9 – 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