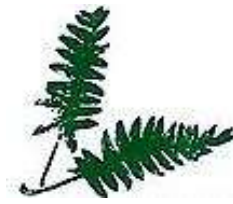


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Town of Dorset Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2023

Present: Gay Squire (Chair), Scott Thompson (Vice Chair), Kit Wallace, Natalie Quigley, David McAneny, David Berard, Connor Welch
Also Present: Tyler Yandow (ZA), Bob Thompson (via Zoom)
Absent: Scott Durgin
Cc: R. Gaiotti, S. Durgin, 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

Regarding the public hearing for proposed amendments to the zoning map S. Thompson noted he owns property near the end of Danby Mountain Road which is being re-zoned and asked the board if that constituted a conflict of interest. No one thought it did.

Recording of Meeting

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

Approval of meeting minutes

S. Thompson made a motion seconded by N. Quigley to approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2023. The motion was approved 6 – 0 - 1. C. Welch abstained as he did not attend this meeting.

Zoning Administrator Report – T. Yandow briefly reviewed his report of Dec. 5, 2023. He noted there will be a public hearing before the Selectboard regarding minor changes to the zoning map on Dec. 19, 2023. A total of 3 zoning permits were issued in the past month.

Report from BCRC representatives – D. McAneny noted approximately 380 acres, mostly in Sandgate, is in the process of being conserved and managed by the Conservation Fund. The process is not expected to be complete for 5 – 7 years.

Design Review Committee – The board did not meet in November.

Multi-Use Path Scoping Study – The board felt the document was very complete and detailed. Due to the cost, the board felt it was preferable to construct the path in phases. T. Yandow noted work would not begin until after the town office on Raptor Ln is complete. This will likely be in 2025. There was discussion regarding whether the project is funded publicly or privately. S. Thompson noted his wife Anne had worked on funding Hunter Park and Riley Rink in Manchester

(privately funded), and would ask her how fund raising was done.

Other business – Expiring PC terms. The following members’ terms expire April 30, 2024: C. Welch, S. Durgin. C. Welch stated he is willing to serve another 4-year term. T. Yandow to contact S. Durgin to determine if he is willing to serve another term.

Public comment – None.

Next regular Planning Commission meeting – January 2, 2024, 7:00pm. All board members present indicated they would be able to attend. C. Welch noted he was traveling this day but would hopefully be present.

Adjournment - A motion was made by D. Berard and seconded by K. Wallace to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55PM. 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