Town of Dorset, Vermont



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Town of Dorset Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2022

Present: Gay Squire (Chair), Scott Thompson (Vice Chair), David Berard, Scott

Ross, Connor Welch, Scott Durgin, Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator),

Natalie Quigley, Kit Wallace, Will Clarke Absent:

Also Present: Haynes Johnston, Lisa Cueman, Jim Calder, Brandy Saxton

Gay Squire opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Chair to Note Any Changes in Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

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 of June 20, 2022

Motion to approve minutes made by S. Ross and seconded by D. Berard. Approved 6 - 0.

Report from Zoning Administrator

T. Yandow noted highlights from his report:

- Rosenberg/Walker conflict resolved. Walker purchased the lot.
- Next Bylaw Informational Meeting July 6, 2022 at the school.

Report of BCRC Representative

No report.

Report from the Design Review Board

T. Yandow presented the application for 198 Church St. to demolish and rebuild the northern most addition to the house. The DRB recommended approval of this application. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by S. Durgin and seconded by S. Thompson. The motion approved 6 - 0.

Bylaw Discussion

Members of the board noted highlights from public input to date:

- Opposition to mixed use.
- Misperception that existing draft is final.
- Opposition to allowing any kind of event space.
- Why are bylaws so detailed?

Other points made:

- B. Saxton Front yard setbacks are from boundary of right of way, not edge of traveled way.
- L. Cueman Event space regulations needed. Regulations for short term rentals a good idea.
- J. Calder Concern about logging trucks on Pine Road. Is a town permit required for logging? After the meeting T. Yandow determined a town permit is required for firewood preparation (where permitted) but not for logging only. A state permit is required for logging areas of 40 acres or more.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

A special PC meeting will be held on July 26, 2022 to discuss revisions to the proposed bylaw draft.

The next regular PC meeting will be held August 2, 2022.

Adjournment

S. Durgin moved and S. Thompson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. Motion approved 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted, Tyler Yandow AIA Zoning Administrator