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Town of Dorset Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022

Present:Gay Squire (Chair), Scott Thompson (Vice Chair), David Berard, Connor
Welch, Natalie Quigley, David McAneny, Kit Wallace, Scott Ross, Scott
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Chair Gay Squire opened the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Chair to Note Any Changes in Agenda

No changes to the agenda were noted.

Disclosure of Any Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Recording of Meeting

The Zoning Administrator recorded the meeting on Zoom.

Bylaw Discussion

The board reviewed the Chair's memo regarding two issues raised by members of the Selectboard:

- Maximum allowable building footprint in the Village Business and Village Mixed Use districts
- New Village Mixed Use areas in and around Church Street

The memo recommends the following in response to the above concerns:

- Reduce the maximum allowable building footprint in the Village Business and Village Mixed Use districts from 4000 sq.ft. to 3000 sq.ft., matching the maximum building footprint in the Village Residential district.
- Remove all lots on Church St. and Route 30 north of Church St. from the Village Mixed Use district. These lots will be changed to be in the Village Residential district, as they are now.

Generally, most board members thought the recommended changes made sense and although S. Thompson felt after all the work put into creating the proposed bylaw, they were a step backwards. A motion was made by G. Squire and seconded by K. Wallace to approve the memo as written. Motion passed 9-0.

G. Squire will write a memo to the Selectboard outlining these changes so they can be discussed at the next SB meeting December 20, 2022. T. Yandow encouraged Planning Commission members to attend this meeting.

Adjournment – D. McAneny made a motion seconded by D. Berard to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. 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