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The Planning Board met on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Duxbury Town Hall
878 Tremont St, Mural Room.

Present: Scott Casagrande, Chairman; David Uitti, Vice-Chairman; George Wadsworth

Absent: Jennifer Turcotte; Brian Glennon; Cynthia Ladd-Fiorini, Clerk; John Bear

Staff: Valerie Massard, Planning Director; and Mary Lowe

7:04 PM Meeting called to order by Scott Casagrande

OPEN FORUM

No Quorum; no comments in open forum.

A. ZBA Referral, Special Permit: 59 Beechwood Lane/Cheney

B. ZBA Referral, Variance: 0 North St (009-010-001)/Curtis

Both continued to next meeting, March 21, due to lack of quorum.

C. Discussion: Island Creek Plan for Zoning Amendment Request

Ms. Massard presented the proposed official revised map showing the 2 RC "lots" to be carved out of the original request as discussed and voted. Both met zoning requirements as stand-alone RC lots. There were no questions or concerns from Board members.

D. Government Study Committee's Annual Town Meeting 2018 Warrant Article:

Planning Director Reporting (Continued)

Gene Blanchard and Alex Chin presented

Article 23 March Town Meeting Warrant

Referred to the study funded by the Community Compact and done through technical assistance for the town by the Massachusetts Division of Local Services in the Department of Revenue.

The Government Study Committee met with many people in reviewing this recommendation, was cautious in its approach, looked at a variety of charters; looked at the broad list of board, committees and departments working with the Planning Department, investigated other towns and met with the Planning Board in weighing its conclusions. Two comparable positions in town that do not report to the Town Manager are the town assessor and the library director. A full report will be available before Town Meeting. Personalities were left out of the decision.

There will be, in their opinion, better coordination of day-to-day planning activities of the town as a whole by changing the reporting as recommended. The Planning Board support role of the Planner will not be diminished. It reflects the actual in-practice activities being done already. Mr. Casagrande described his experience as vice-chair and chair that this reflects what is happening on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Casagrande pointed out that Mr. Wadsworth asked for a Government Study Committee to look into this matter a few years ago, and this is the outcome of that comprehensive review, including outside consultant input. The issue has been on the table for several years, even while the previous planner was here. Mr. Wadsworth raised concerns regarding a loss of power if the Planning Board's priorities could be given a lesser role day-to-day under this change.

Ms. Massard and Mr. Casagrande stated that this in their opinion would not be the case, the Government Study Committee members concurred.

Mr. Uitti asked Ms. Massard to weigh in. Ms. Massard said that planning issues need to be on a level playing field, day-to-day with infrastructure, capital and long range planning issues across the board with a variety of departments and committees in addition to the Planning Board. This is what is occurring and the change would make the job easier to implement planning priorities.

There being no quorum the discussion was ended.

E. Planning Director Report- Projects

Ms. Massard noted that the solar panel question on the January 2018 permit for 404 Bay Road was a typo and should have been 6 inches not 6 feet.

Ms. Massard reported that the next meeting will focus on the Comprehensive Plan. The Climate Resiliency Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan and Green Communities application are high

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priorities. Now that town meeting preparation has subsided. Zoning recodifications and zoning map revisions are also high priorities.

F. Other Business- none taken up due to lack of quorum.

8:20 PM Meeting Adjourned

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 9 AM

Duxbury Schools Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden Street

NEXT PLANNING BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7 PM

Duxbury Town Hall 878 Tremont St, Mural Room