



Town of Duxbury Massachusetts Planning Board

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Minutes 1/10/2022

The Planning Board met on January 10, 2022 at 6PM. The meeting was conducted remotely via zoom video call.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 dated June 16, 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency regarding suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Town of Duxbury's Board and/or Committee meetings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible with members. Viewers can visit www.pactv.org/duxbury for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury YouTube, to watch replays and Video on Demand. To watch replays of a meeting, visit www.pactv.org/duxbury or to watch online visit PACTV's Video on Demand at www.pactv.org/ondemand.

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Public phone-in access was available during this meeting at 781-934-1100 x5475. Public email access was available during this meeting at duxburyplanningboard@gmail.com. The public was able to watch the zoom meeting by using the following login information:

Zoom Video Link: <https://zoom.us/> click "Join a Meeting"

Zoom Phone Number: 1-(929)-436-2866

Meeting ID: 817 1325 9900

Passcode: 469018

Present: Scott Casagrande, Chair; Kristin Rappe; Jennifer Turcotte; and David Uitti.

Absent: Brian Glennon, Vice-Chair; Keith MacDonald, Clerk; and George Wadsworth.

Staff: Valerie Massard, Planning Director; and Emily Hadley, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Casagrande called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Open Forum

No one from the Board or the public brought anything forward during the open forum.

Administrative Items

Motion: Mr. Uitti made a motion to defer to the ZBA, with no additional comments, Special Permit applications #2021-37, #2021-38, #2021-39 and #2021-40, and approve minutes from December 13, 2021 as written. Ms. Turcotte provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Ms. Rappe – Aye; Mr. Uitti – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

Evergreen Terrace Lot Release

Ms. Massard told the Board that this item will need to be continued to the next meeting in order for the developer to get all the paperwork in order.

Planning Director Vacancy Update

Mr. Casagrande said he went to the Selectboard meeting with the Town Manager to discuss the plan with keeping Ms. Massard on part-time and waiting to re-advertise the Planning Director position.

Mr. Casagrande said the chair of the Board of Selectmen, Ms. MacNab, is interested in moving forward faster with readvertising the position and continuing the hiring process. He said they are currently discussing trying to hire a new Planning Director for next fall, so they would begin advertising again around June/July. Ms. Massard will be working about ten hours a week for Duxbury in the interim.

Ms. Massard told the Board that she has written a grant application for on behalf of the Duxbury Diversity, Equity and Inclusionary Committee for a survey followed by a fall forum, and is working on a grant application to work on age-friendly issues, working with the Senior Center, in this case with Old Colony Planning Council.

She said the plan is for her to continue to keep working for the Town through June of this year (or longer if needed). Mr. Casagrande said he had a discussion with Friend Weiler explaining the thought-process behind waiting on re-advertising the position and keeping Ms. Massard on part-time in the interim. He said this was a topic on the Finance Committee's last agenda, during the Town Manager's recommendation for the FY2023 budget. Ms. Massard said the department is keeping up with current duties, just not taking on any new larger initiatives until a new Planner is hired.

Mr. Casagrande said a concern that was brought up at the Finance Committee meeting was that the Planning Department will not be addressing sea level rise issues while there is no full-time Planning Director. Ms. Massard said there are suggested projects listed in the MVP

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Implementation Grant Final Report to address future sea level rise flooding in Town, which she summarized for Cris Lutazzi in advance of that meeting. Mr. Casagrande said these are longer-term projects, so they can be held off for the next Planner. Ms. Rappe asked if the Fiscal Advisory Committee is aware of the MVP Report. Ms. Massard said the final report was sent to the Town Boards and Committees has been posted on the Town's website since June, as well as a recording of the final presentation of the results of the study which was televised through a Planning Board meeting; Ms. Massard will update the link on the website, since the video is now archived on YouTube on the PACTV channel. Mr. Casagrande said there are laid out options to address sea level rise and climate change in Town, but they will need to wait for a new full-time Planner for implementation.

Ms. Massard mentioned that the MVP study found that the schools have a relatively low risk for flooding from sea level rise, contrary to what might have been a major concern. Mr. Casagrande said Mr. Weiler raised concerns about people being stranded on Powder Point Ave were stranded during an astronomic high tide recently. Ms. Massard said nuisance flooding has been happening more often than usual, Mr. Casagrande pointed out that it has occurred at these locations for decades from time to time. Ms. Massard said the MVP Grant showed the risk level of the entire interior coast (bay side) over certain time horizons, including Snug Harbor, so the Town knows where the areas of concern are and how soon, and this information will be used for future implementation.

Mr. Casagrande said that anyone concerned about climate change and sea level rise should read through the MVP Grant Final Report at: <https://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/planning-department/pages/climate-resiliency-and-sustainable-land-use>.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Rappe made a motion to adjourn at 6:24PM. Mr. Uitti provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Ms. Rappe – Aye; Mr. Uitti – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

Materials reviewed at the meeting:

- ZBA Case #2021-37: 69 Ocean Road North
- ZBA Case #2021-38: 39 Ocean Road North
- ZBA Case #2021-39: 1 Bumblebee Lane
- ZBA Case #2021-40: 5 East Marginal Road
- Draft Minutes December 13, 2021
- Evergreen Terrace: Amory Engineers Construction Cost Estimate for Performance Guarantee dated January 4, 2022
- Evergreen Terrace Draft Lot Release

