



Town of Duxbury Massachusetts

Planning Board

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The Planning Board met on March 22, 2021 at 5PM. This meeting was conducted remotely via zoom video call due to COVID-19.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020, Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, 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. 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.

NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WAS PERMITTED.

Every effort was be made to ensure that the public could adequately access the proceedings to the best of our technical abilities; and despite our best efforts due to lack of technical infrastructure, this meeting will be available on PACTV to view a video recording and a transcript or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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 webinar by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85277898854?pwd=R0NESWVKZ2JidmJTaDVIeW5CZG52dz09>.

Present: Scott Casagrande, Chair; Brian Glennon, Vice-Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Jennifer Turcotte; and George Wadsworth.

Absent: David Uitti, Clerk; and Keith MacDonald.

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

Mr. Casagrande called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Open Forum

Mr. Glennon told the Board that the Zoning Bylaw working group met on March 11. Ms. Massard said they discussed setting up goals and a timeline for the process. Mr. Casagrande said they will try to have something for the Board to look at soon.

ZBA Referral, Special Permit: 10 Huckleberry Lane (ZBA Case #2021-07)

Jessica Williams, from Duxbury Design, and Hutton Collin, the homeowner, were in attendance to discuss the project. Ms. Williams said Mark Casey is filing with the Conservation Commission and will make a site plan with wetland scientists. Ms. Williams said the house is on a hillside and has sunken down, so they will be razing and rebuilding the house on the site.

Ms. Williams said the Wetland Protection Overlay District (WPOD) line cuts through the middle of the property. Ms. Massard said they may have to bring an article to Town Meeting if they want to adjust the WPOD line. Ms. Williams asked if they can move forward with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Conservation Commission filings and then go to Town Meeting after to move the WPOD line. Mr. Casagrande said they do not have to move the line if they get the approval from the ZBA.

Ms. Williams said the official site plan will be available when Mark Casey brings the filing to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Glennon asked what the non-conformity is that requires a special permit. Ms. Williams said the site is non-conforming in lot area because it is in the WPOD.

Motion: Mr. Glennon made a motion to defer the special permit filing to the ZBA, noting that the proposal eliminates almost all non-conformities. Ms. Turcotte provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Mr. Glennon – Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini – Aye; Mr. Wadsworth – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

ZBA Referral, Special Permit: 365 King Caesar Road (ZBA Case #2021-08)

Paul Brogna, of Seacoast Engineering, and John Romano, the homeowner, were in attendance to discuss the project. Mr. Brogna said the proposal is for a 43-foot by 4-foot residential pier. He said the pier is not visible from King Caesar Road. He said there is a two-level stairway, a 3-foot by 20-foot aluminum gangway and a float at the end.

Mr. Brogna said the plans have been reviewed by a wetland scientist and approved by the Conservation Commission. Mr. Glennon asked if there are any adjacent piers. Mr. Brogna said there are not any adjacent piers. He said there is a vacant lot right next to the property, and the closest pier is located at 341 King Caesar Road.

Mr. Glennon noted that the Board has been asked to review a number of applications for piers, and asked if the Town should consider encouraging shared piers in the Zoning Bylaw rewrite. He said he has no objection to this specific pier.

Mr. Casagrande asked about the aluminum gangway, which they have been seeing more recently. Mr. Brogna said the gangways used to be all wood, but the State requires a higher height over salt marsh, so it makes sense to consider a longer pier with a diagonal slope. He said the safety, ease of use, and affordability of aluminum holds up well over time.

Motion: Mr. Glennon made a motion to defer the special permit filing to the ZBA. Ms. Ladd Fiorini provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Mr. Glennon – Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini – Aye; Mr. Wadsworth – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

Annual Town Meeting 2021 Article - Local Historic Districts

Ms. Massard said a couple of the proposed districts have already been approved by the Planning Board, and there is one new proposed district. The proposed Local Historic District is at 14 Powder Point Avenue, owned by Fernando Guitart. She said that site has been approved by the State.

Ms. Massard said the Local Historic District Commission received signed letters from the property owners confirming that they want to be in a Local Historic District.

Mr. Glennon asked if this discussion needed a public hearing. Ms. Massard said no, the Local Historic District Commission already held a public hearing about the Annual Town Meeting article. She said the Board is discussing the article to give their recommendation to Town Meeting, which is just administrative.

Mr. Casagrande said that the homeowners of these properties want their homes in the Local Historic Districts.

Motion: Ms. Turcotte made a motion to recommend approval to Annual Town Meeting 2021. Ms. Ladd Fiorini provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Mr. Glennon – Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini – Aye; Mr. Wadsworth – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

ANR Plan: 210 Autumn Avenue and 19 Clover Circle

Joseph Webby, of Webby Engineering, was in attendance to discuss the filing. He said the ANR plan is for an equal land swap between homeowners. He said the existing line cuts diagonally

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across, and they would like to make the properties more rectangular. He said there are houses on both of the properties.

Mr. Glennon said the plan references a drainage easement, and asked if moving the lot line will have any effect on the easement. Mr. Webby said the drainage easement will stay on the 19 Clover Circle property.

Motion: Mr. Glennon made a motion to endorse the ANR plan. Ms. Ladd Fiorini provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Mr. Glennon – Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini – Aye; Mr. Wadsworth – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

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Motion: Mr. Glennon made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2021 as written. Ms. Ladd Fiorini provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Mr. Glennon – Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini – Aye; Mr. Wadsworth – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

Other Business

Ms. Massard said Mr. MacDonald had technology issues tonight, so he was not able to join the meeting.

Ms. Ladd Fiorini said this will be her last meeting, as she will be sworn in as a Board of Selectmen member at the end of the day on Saturday, pending the vote. The Board congratulated Ms. Ladd Fiorini on her impending election to the Board of Selectmen, and thanked her for her many years of service on the Planning Board. Mr. Casagrande said the Board will begin their official search for a new member after Saturday.

Mr. Glennon said that Ms. Massard will be presenting a Complete Streets webinar on Tuesday, March 30th at 6PM. Ms. Massard said the meeting will be discussing how Complete Streets can help with key intersections in Town.

Ms. Massard said the Clipper article about Exit 20 was incorrect. She said the Town is asking for about \$117,000 of funding from Annual Town Meeting, half of the cost is shared with the State, and 25 percent of the cost is shared with Kingston.

Ms. Massard said the Town is planning to reopen Town Hall sometime in April.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Wadsworth made a motion to adjourn at 5:44PM. Ms. Ladd Fiorini provided a second.

Vote: Ms. Turcotte – Aye; Mr. Glennon – Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini – Aye; Mr. Wadsworth – Aye; and Mr. Casagrande – Aye.

The next Planning Board meeting will take place on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM via Zoom.

Materials reviewed at the meeting:

- March 22, 2021 Agenda
- ZBA Case #2021-07: 10 Huckleberry Lane
- ZBA Case #2021-08: 365 King Caesar Road
- ANR Plan: 210 Autumn Ave & 19 Clover Circle
- Draft Planning Board Minutes March 8, 2021

