

## MINUTES OF MEETING ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

BUXBURY, MASS.

Date: September 5, 2012

SCHEDULED TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Location: SENIOR CENTER (Weyerhauser Room), 10 Mayflower Street

Minutes Prepared By: Martin Desmery

<u>Members Present</u>: Judi Barrett, Freeman Boynton, Jr., Scott Casagrande, Fred Clifford, Martin Desmery, Robert Fitzpatrick, Nancy Johnson, Mary Steinke, George Wadsworth.

Members Absent: Paul Boudreau

**Also Present:** 

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Robert Fitzpatrick, at 7:33 pm.

## **Minutes**

No action.

## Administrative Matters

Bob Fitzpatrick noted that the meeting for the public to comment on the draft report has been scheduled for October 3, 2012. There will be notices in the Duxbury Clipper and the Duxbury Reporter. Prior to the meeting, the draft report will be posted on the Town's website. Bob will make his way around the boards to talk about the draft report. Every member of the Committee is welcome to join him on any of these presentations. After the meeting on October 3, the Committee will convene to review the public comments and then set about the process of finalizing the report.

## Discussion of Draft Report

George initiated a discussion of the first recommendation on page 10. The Board decided to change this paragraph as follows:

The ZBRC believes that a consultant experienced in zoning should be retained to prepare a plan for restatement of the Bylaw as described in this report. A working group should be convened to carry forward this project. This is a large undertaking, so expectations should be carefully managed. Legal counsel should be consulted as appropriate.

With respect to recommendation #4, the Committee decided to make it clear in the report that the permitting ombudsman is not necessarily a new hire. The idea would be to utilize present staff (or possible new ZBA staff).

Nancy Johnson went through her notes on the draft report, which resulted in several changes to the language, including:

Page 6, section 6: We are not recommending consolidated hearings but simply suggesting that the town consider consolidation in certain circumstances. Change the word "mandate" to "providing for."

The reference point for height measurements should be defined in every area where height is an issue. This will be added to the report not simply the exhibit.

Remove last sentence on paragraph 12 in Exhibit A.

Scott Casagrande suggested that the word "clarified" be changed to "recodified" under definitions on page 5.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:27 pm.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting: Draft Report.