

# Dover Long Range Planning Committee

December 2, 2014

Attendees: Jack Donoghue, Rich Forté, Robyn Hunter, Mark Sarro,  
Sue Sheridan, Peter Smith

Location: Town Garage Meeting Room

*Mr. Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm*

## 1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Mr. Forté moved that the minutes of the November 17 meeting be approved, seconded by Mrs. Sheridan. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

## 2. Town Report

Mr. Donoghue will write the Committee's report for 2014. Mr. Smith will locate the Word document for last year's report and forward it to him as a starting point.

## 3. Snyder Property / 46 Springdale Avenue

Ms. Hunter explained that the Selectmen have received 24 applications for the ad-hoc committee to investigate uses for the Snyder Property. They expect to form a core committee of 7-9 members, with additional volunteers assigned to sub-committees which will focus on specific details.

## 4. Green Communities Designation

Mr. Donoghue passed around printouts of the latest Green Communities Program Guidance (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/doer/green-communities/grant-program/gc-program-guidance-fall-2014.pdf>), which outlines the requirements for certification. The Selectmen have expressed support for the Long Range Planning Committee acting as coordinator for research into this program. This will begin with researching the five certification criteria, reaching out to people who have participated in similar efforts in other towns, and creating a plan for completing the research and documentation. Models exist for zoning codes and expedited approval, although these will require Town Meeting approval. Adoption of the "stretch" building code affects all new construction, including residential, and must be fully understood. A cost/benefit evaluation will be necessary to justify the effort and consequences.

For the next meeting, the following members will begin the research process:

- Mr. Donoghue will meet with the Building Inspector about the Stretch Code
- Ms. Hunter will contact an acquaintance who was involved in Westwood's certification
- Mr. Smith will investigate the Efficient Vehicles policy and the Town's vehicle inventory
- Mr. Sarro will tap the Planning Board's expertise regarding the zoning change
- Mr. Forté will see what historical data is available for establishing an energy use baseline

5. Future Meeting Dates

Due to conflicts with her other liaison assignments, Ms. Hunter asked if the Committee could move its meetings from the current first Tuesday schedule. The consensus was to continue meeting on Tuesday evenings, moving to the second Tuesday of each month. This will make the next meeting January 13.

*Mr. Forté moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith;  
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:55 pm*

*The next meeting will be January 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary

*Approved January 13, 2015*