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and partly via Zoom remotely.***

***Please see sections on Public Input, Zoom Instructions,
and Other Information at the end of this agenda.***

DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Town Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

****Please see the notes at the end****

Planning Board members

(7 voting)

Paul Rasmussen, *Chair*

Lorne Parnell, *Vice Chair*

Richard Kelley, *Secretary*

James Bubar

Barbara Dill

William McGowan

Sally Tobias, *Council Rep.*

Heather Grant, *Alternate*

Michael Lambert, *Alternate*

Jim Lawson, *Council*

Alternate

Sarah Wrightsman,

Alternate

Michael Behrendt, *Town*

Planner

Victoria Parmele, *Minute*

Taker

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call and Seating of Alternates**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Town Planner's Report**
- V. **Reports from Board Members who serve on Other Committees**
- VI. **Public Comments**
- VII. **Review of Minutes (old):**
- VIII. **Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity – Amendment to Plans.** 18 Garrison Avenue. Amendment for proposed changes to approved site plan and approved conditional uses establish a fraternity, exceed 30 feet in height, and place structures in the wetland buffer. Proposed changes include demolition of the former Elizabeth DeMeritt House, change in design for the new building, and various site changes. Richmond Property Group, c/o Sarah Layton, owner. Bruce Scamman, Emanuel Engineering. Isaac Schlosser, Krittenbrink Architecture. Map 2, Lot 12-12. Central Business District. **Recommended action:** Discuss and set public hearing for September 9.
- IX. **Public Hearing - Zoning Amendments initiated by Town Council.** Zoning amendments regarding height, stories, uses, and building configuration in the Central Business District; method for determining building height; drive-through facilities; and related changes. **Recommended action:** Discuss and close public hearing or continue to September 9.
- X. **Public Hearing - Mill Plaza Redevelopment.** 7 Mill Road. *Continued discussion of proposed architectural design.* Continued review of application for site plan and conditional use for mixed use redevelopment project and activity within the wetland and shoreland overlay districts. Colonial Durham Associates, property owner. Sean McCauley, agent. Joe Persechino, Tighe & Bond, engineer. Emily Innes and Sharon Ames, Harriman, project designer. Ari Pollack, attorney. (Rick Taintor is serving as the Town's Contract Planner.) Central Business District. Map 5, Lot 1-1. **Recommended action:** Discussion and continuation to September 23.
- XI. **Other Business**
- XII. **Review of Minutes (new):** July 22, 2020
- XIII. **Adjournment**

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This meeting of the Planning Board is a hybrid meeting. Several board members will be physically present in Council Chambers and the other board members will participate live via Zoom teleconference.

***PUBLIC INPUT**

Members of the public may provide input to the Planning Board in one of three ways:

- 1) Email. Send an email or letter to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us. See 2) Submission of Information under OTHER INFORMATION, below.
- 2) Zoom. Participate in the meeting via Zoom. See the instructions below.
- 3) Speaking at the meeting itself. Members of the public are encouraged to send an email or participate via Zoom rather than attending in person, but at this time it is still acceptable to attend the meeting provided that all proper health precautions are taken. There may be no more than 10 people in Council Chambers at any time and social distance must be maintained.

***ZOOM – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ZOOM VIDEO CALL-IN AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Everybody will need to register in order to participate via Zoom. Project applicants should present in person or via video (and make sure that they are visible).

To Participate by Audio

AUDIO ONLY CALL-IN INSTRUCTIONS: In order to access any live Zoom Public Meeting by telephone, you **MUST** be **preregistered**. Then call: **1-929-436-2866**, enter the **Meeting ID** and **Password**. Zoom Meeting ID's and Passwords are only available to **preregistered** participants. You can **preregister** at:
https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_dcatgovernance/zoom-video-conference-meetings.

To Participate by Video

VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS: In order to access any LIVE Zoom Public Meeting, you must be **Preregistered**. Preregistering for any Zoom Public Meetings can be done by clicking:
https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_dcatgovernance/zoom-video-conference-meetings.

IMPORTANT!

1. **Please be sure your full name is viewable, and you are identifiable when using Zoom.**
2. **Your video will be turned off and audio muted until the Public portion of the meeting opens.**
3. **If watching on Channel 22 or DCAT LiveStream be sure your computer/TV audio is muted when using Zoom.**

These are LIVE Public meetings and we ask that your audio and video be muted. If not, the host will mute them for you. You will not be able to communicate directly with anyone in the Zoom meeting at this time. Participants will have the opportunity to comment during Public Comments, or when a Public Hearing is opened. We ask that you mute your audio and video after you've commented, if not, the host will mute them for you. If you wish to submit comments for public input, please submit them via email by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

If you should have difficulty, please send DCAT an email: dcat@ci.durham.nh.us or by calling **603-590-1383**.

PUBLIC INPUT INSTRUCTIONS: Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the Town of Durham will be taking extra steps to allow for public input during public meetings while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. Per Executive Order by Governor Sununu, scheduled gatherings of 10 or more people will be prohibited. Therefore, those wishing to share comments are required to do so via email by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

***OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1) Public hearings and public comments. *The public is welcome to speak at all public hearings and during the Public Comments time.* Comments on all matters, except those for which a public hearing is on the agenda, should be made during the Public Comments time. The public may speak and submit written or emailed comments on any subject except for active matters where the public hearing has been closed.
- 2) Submission of information. Emails and letters should be sent to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us or at the address above. Correspondence that pertains to current Planning Board matters, except where the public hearing has been closed, will be: a) emailed to the Planning Board; b) mailed to the board members if received by the Thursday prior to the meeting; and c) posted on the Town's website.

Any email, letter, document, or other information that is pertinent to a decision which the Planning Board is expected to make at the upcoming Wednesday meeting, must be received in the Planning Office by the prior Monday at 5:00 p.m. or the board will consider the submitted material only at its discretion (This limitation does not apply to comments made at the actual public hearing).

- 3) Other information. Files on the agenda items above are available for review on the Town website <http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/>. Agendas marked as "Preliminary Agenda," are subject to change. The final agenda will be posted on the Town's website on the Friday prior to the meeting at. To see background documents related to specific agenda items, see the agenda on the website and click on any green **highlighted** items.
- 4) Contacting us. Contact the Planning Department with questions or comments about any planning-related matters. Call (603) 868-8064 or email Michael Behrendt, above, or Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant, at kedwards@ci.durham.nh.us
- 5) Recommended actions. Actions recommended by the staff are shown at the end of most items. The Planning Board may or may not take these actions and may take other actions not stated.
- 6) New items of business. Unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present, no new item of business shown on the agenda will be taken up after 10:00 p.m.
- 7) Communication aids. Please provide the Town 48-hours notice if communication aids are needed.
- 8) Next meeting. The next regular Planning Board meeting will be on **September 9, 2020**.