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Other Information at the end of this agenda.**

DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Town Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Planning Board members

(7 voting)

Paul Rasmussen, *Chair*
Heather Grant, *Vice Chair*
Emily Friedrichs, *Council Rep*
Richard Kelley
William McGowan
Peyton McManus
Sally Tobias
Tom DeCapo, *Alternate*
Chuck Hotchkiss, *Council
Alternate*
Chris McClain, *Alternate*
Erika Naumann Gaillat,
Alternate

Michael Behrendt, *Town
Planner*
Patricia Denmark, *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. **12 Oyster River Road – Conditional Use.** Conditional use application to install deck, patio, steps, retaining wall, and landscaping within the Shoreland Protection Overlay District. Katherine Cook/New Heritage Designs, property owner. Ben Groves, Rye Beach Landscaping, contractor. Map 109, Lot 80. Residence A District. Recommended action: Set public hearing.
- IX. **Public Hearing - Freestanding Solar Array for St. George's Church.** Site plan application for a freestanding solar array as an accessory use to provide electricity for St. George's Church. The 16.8 kilowatt array would be located in the side lawn of the rectory. 1 Park Court. Nathan Bourne, Rector, and Scott Righini, Facility Manager, St. George's Church. Map 108, Lot 31. Church Hill District. Recommended action: Final action.
- X. **Public Hearing - Workforce Housing – Proposed Zoning Amendment and Rezoning of Parcel.** Consideration of a set of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to workforce housing including adding a definition, adding a line to the Table of Uses, adding a section providing the standards for workforce housing, making several other text changes, and rezoning a 117-acre lot of land owned by the Leda M. Keefe Rev. Trust, c/o Daniel Keefe, at 59 Piscataqua Road, Tax Map 209, Lot 39, from Residential Coastal (RC) to Office Research (OR). The amendments have been endorsed by the Durham Housing Task Force. Recommended action: Determine next steps.
- XI. **Review of Definitions in Zoning Ordinance.** (Time permitting) Review of the Zoning Ordinance as part of the zoning rewrite. The board completed a first pass through the Definitions. The board is conducting its second review. Once the board is satisfied with the changes an amendment will be presented for a public hearing. Recommended action: Make final corrections and set public hearing date.
- XII. **Other Business**
- XIII. **Review of Minutes (new):** February 14, 2024
- XVI. **Adjournment**

(over)

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***OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1) Role of the Planning Board. The role of the Planning Board is to oversee and plan for the harmonious and functional physical development of the town of Durham by preparation of the Master Plan, adoption of Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations, making recommendations about the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map, reviewing development proposals, providing comments on the Capital Improvements Program and generally advocating for smart growth principles.
- 2) 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 (including comments on agenda items this evening). The public may speak and submit written/email comments on any subject germane to the business of the Planning Board except active matters where the public hearing has been closed. When a public hearing will be scheduled soon for a specific item the board may require that comments at the meeting be made at the hearing.
- 3) Submission of comments in writing. Emails and letters should be sent to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us or at the address above. Correspondence pertaining 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 or distributed to members at the meeting if received later; 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).

- 4) Other information. Files on the agenda items above are available for review on the Town website <https://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. To see background documents related to specific agenda items, see the agenda on the website and click on any green **highlighted** items.
- 5) 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 Tracey Cutler, Administrative Assistant, at tcutler@ci.durham.nh.us.
- 6) Recommended actions. Actions recommended by the Town Planner 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.
- 7) New items of business. Unless approved by a 2/3 vote of members present, no new item of business shown on the agenda will be taken up after 10:00 p.m.
- 8) Communication aids. Please provide the Town 48-hours notice if communication aids are needed.
- 9) Next meeting. The next board meeting will be on **March 27, 2024**.