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Town Planner's Recommendation
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

- X. **Proposed revisions to the Energy Checklist.** Proposed by the Durham Energy Committee. **Recommended action:** Discussion and setting a public hearing for May 13.
- I recommend discussion and setting a public hearing for May 13, for the checklist *and other amendments.*

Please note the following:

- 1) The Durham Energy Committee developed a revised checklist. It is enclosed in the packet, along with the current checklist. Charlie Forcey, chair of the committee, will be at the meeting.
- 2) I am also proposing amendments to both the Site Plan Regulations and Subdivision Regulations, pursuant to the changes recommended in the checklist. The public hearing is needed for these amendments, and it is appropriate for a hearing also for the changes to the checklist since proposed language in the checklist stipulates that the meeting occur and the checklist be submitted prior to Planning Board approval.
- 3) Tom Johnson, Building Inspector, has not yet had time to review the proposed changes due to other commitments. Tom will send me comments by Monday or Tuesday which I will forward to the Planning Board for consideration.
- 4) The Site Plan Regulations require the checklist be submitted. I recommend that the language at the end be added.

A completed Energy Considerations Checklist. The applicant is not required to comply with the items on the checklist but is encouraged to meet as many considerations as possible. Note that some items on the checklist, such as the standards under Chapter 38 of the Town of Durham Code of Ordinances, are required. **Prior to Planning Board site plan approval, the checklist must be submitted and the applicant must meet with a representative of the Durham Energy Committee and the Building Inspector. Thus, the checklist is required prior to approval not acceptance of the application.**

- 5) I recommend the Subdivision Regulations be amended, by adding the following under 7.03 Phase 3 – Formal Application Submission (and relettering accordingly). The Energy Checklist is not currently required for subdivision applications. It is useful to require for subdivision applications regarding the subdivision layout and construction of houses (should the subdivider also be building the individual houses).

F. A completed Energy Considerations Checklist. The applicant is not required to comply with the items on the checklist but is encouraged to meet as many considerations as possible. Note that some items on the checklist may be required under other regulations. Prior to Planning Board subdivision approval, the checklist must be submitted and the applicant must meet with a representative of the Durham Energy Committee and the Building Inspector. Thus, the checklist is required prior to approval not acceptance of the application.