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Town Planner's Recommendation
Wednesday, May 13, 2015

- X. ***Public Hearing –Energy Checklist and Related Regulations***. Proposed revisions.
Revised Energy Checklist developed by the Durham Energy Committee
- A. **Energy Checklist** – various revisions
- I recommend adoption of the revised checklist.

The Durham Energy Committee developed the revised checklist. It is enclosed in the packet along with the current checklist. The checklist is to be filled out by applicants as part of the site plan process, and also the subdivision process, as now proposed.

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- B. **Site Plan Regulations** – Section 7: Application Submission Requirements, 7:02. F. Energy Checklist. Add language clarifying and expanding application requirements.
- I recommend the board take a formal vote to adopt the following amendment to the Site Plan Regulations. I modified the language below slightly to match the language now proposed in the draft new Site Plan Regulations.
- ❖ Amend Section 7: Application Submission Requirements, Subsection 7.02.F. Energy Checklist, of the Durham Site Plan Regulations by substituting the following language in entirety for the existing language:

“The Applicant shall submit a completed Energy Considerations Checklist. Except for those items on the checklist with which compliance is required by specific regulation, such as the standards under Chapter 38 of the Town of Durham Code of Ordinances, the applicant is encouraged (but not required) to satisfy the objectives contained in the checklist. 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.”

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- C. **Subdivision Regulations**. Add new subsection under 7.03 Phase 3 – Formal Application Submission, requiring submission of the Energy Checklist and meeting
- I recommend the board take a formal vote to adopt the following amendment to the Subdivision Regulations. I modified the language below slightly to match the language now proposed in the draft new Site Plan Regulations.
 - ❖ Amend Section 7: **Submission Requirements**, Subsection 7.03 to add the following as a new Subsection H. as follows:

“The Applicant shall submit a completed Energy Considerations Checklist. Except for those items on the checklist with which compliance is required by specific regulation, such as the standards under Chapter 38 of the Town of Durham Code of Ordinances, the applicant is encouraged (but not required) to satisfy the objectives contained in the checklist. 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.”