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Town Planner's Review
DURHAM PLANNING BOARD
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- IX. **Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance for Keeping Goats**. The Durham Agricultural Commission developed a proposed ordinance to allow keeping a limited number of goats as an accessory use to single-family and two-family residences. The draft is based loosely on the ordinance adopted in 2013 for the keeping of poultry. The Commission requested that the Planning Board initiate the ordinance as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board reviewed the draft on April 27 and made a handful of changes. This revised document is presented for a public hearing. *Recommended action*: Close the public hearing and initiate the amendment substantially as now written or make changes and set a new public hearing.
- I recommend the board close the public hearing and initiate the amendment substantially as now written or make changes and set a new public hearing.

Please note the following:

The Agricultural Commission endorsed a set of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of goats. The Planning Board reviewed the document on April 27, made a number of changes, and set a public hearing for May 11. This revised document is included in the Planning Board packets and posted on the Town's website.

The Planning Board has several options at the conclusion of public comments:

- 1) Vote to formally initiate these amendments substantially as written and forward the draft to the Town Council for consideration (The public hearing would be closed). The board can make insignificant changes/corrections to the draft without holding a second public hearing.
- 2) Make significant changes to the document and schedule a second public hearing on the revised document (This public hearing would be closed).
- 3) Continue this item to another meeting for more discussion. The public hearing could be closed or kept open. Of course, the board can also ask the Agricultural Commission to examine any specific concerns.
- 4) Decide to take no further action and to not initiate the amendment.