

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

Special meeting of Thursday October 4, 1962

Meeting began at 8:00 P.M.

Present were: E. DeRouin

R. Richards

R. Delannoy, Sr.

H. Richardson

As a resident of the town Mr. A. DeJony informed the Bellingham Planning Board that there was a new street being opened up and a water line being installed off Mann Street in South Bellingham. Mr. DeJony stated that to his knowledge there has not been any approval of any board to have this road constructed. The said road is being constructed off Mann Street opposite Mrs. Bourne's house. He suggested that the Planning Board look into this matter. Mr. R. Richards said that he would look into this matter and report back to the Board at their next meeting.

Mr. DeJony stated that on March 9, 1962 that an article appeared in the Woonsocket Call that homes are being sold in Wethersfield without any written releases being obtained from the Planning Board. He also said, that the Planning Board had requested that all Building Permits be with held until Wethersfield obtain the releases from the Planning Board, and what action has been taken on this matter. Mr. Dellannoy stated that it is recorded in the minutes of the meeting that Mr. Biron was asked as Town Counsellor, to contact Pinewood Builders, Inc. about the matter and advise the Board as to what action could be taken to see that Pinewood Builders, Inc. would conform to the rules set forth in the Covenant. Mr. Richards then suggested that a letter be sent to Town Counsellor requesting the following information:

1. Has the Town Counsellor received any information pertaining to the date which Pinewood Builders, Inc. registered the Covenant.

2. Was any reply received from the Boston Five Cent Savings Bank stating the amount of money being held in escrow on each home in Wethersfield and also that it is being held on the Sub-Division called Wethersfield.

Mr. M. Connors suggested that a representative of the Bellingham Planning Board appear before the Board of Selectmen and request that all building permits stopped in Wethersfield and that the Planning Board do something about this matter at once.

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It was then recommended that nothing be done about this matter until we hear from Town Counsellor.

Mr. A. deJony then spoke to the Planning Board as Town Moderator and suggested that in the future all builders who wish to have the town accept their roads in a sub-division, give the town a map which is to be shown to the townspeople at a Town Meeting and show those roads in a sub-division that they wish to have accepted.

Then members of the Board felt that would be advisable and in the future would request this of the builders.

Mr. P. Siegrist and Mr. G. McIntire, residents of Wethersfield, were present and wanted to know what was required of them as residents of the Town to get Bellingham to accept some of the roads in Wethersfield. Mr. H. Richardson stated that at this particular time it would not be wise for the town to approve of these roads because construction is not completed as yet in said sub-division. Mr. Siegrist then requested, to know if would be possible to obtain and retain the following services in Wethersfield without the town accepting the roads:

1. School bus services into Wethersfield
2. Snow removal from the roads
3. Street lights
4. Post Office delivery into Wethersfield

Mr. G. McIntire suggested that the member of the Planning Board should write to Town Counsellor for advice on this matter. The Clerk was directed to do so.

It was stated that Mr. Siegrist and Mr. McIntire would be back next Thursday October 11, for a reply.

Mr. C. Larusso, Builder, was present and presented the preliminary plans for a sub-division off west Blackstone St. Bellingham entitled "Bellingham Estates". This sub-division consists of forty one house lots. All lots exceed 30,000 sq. ft. These preliminary plans were taken under advisement. The Planning Board has forty-five days in which to render a decision or until (November 17, 1962). If this is not done the plans then will be approved of by default.

It was voted to allow those delegates that wanted to attend the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards Convention at the Schine Inn in Chicopee, Saturday, October 13, 1962 could do so.

Mr R. Delannoy made a motion that the Clerk write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating the following objection:

The Board of Selectman's disapproval of the Planning Boards bill for legal expenses incurred is not legal. A sum of money was appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of March 16, 1962, for the payment of legal fees that may be charged to the Planning Board. According to Chapter 41, Section 52, of the Massachusetts General Laws Annotated, payment can be dis-

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allowed on three grounds only:

1. Fraudulent
2. Unlawful
3. Excessive

As such, the disallowance for payment of the bill was not properly taken. Therefore, the Bellingham Planning Board demands that the Bellingham Board of Selectmen hereby approves said bill. Motion

Motion was seconded by R. Richards. So voted, 3 yes and 1 no.

Mr. R. Delannoy then made a motion to ask Mr. Biron to resign as a member of the Bellingham Planning Board. Motion was seconded by R. Richards. So voted, 3 Yes and 1 No.

Mr. Delannoy suggested that Mr. Richardson resign as a member of the Planning Board because of a letter that was written and read aloud at the Special Town Meeting of September 21, 1962. After Mr. Richardson expressed his reason for doing so, Mr. Delannoy refrained from making such a motion. Also, Mr. Delannoy pointed out that Mr. Richardson was in error in using the Bellingham Planning Board Stationery for aforementioned letter.

Mr. E. DeRouin offered his resignation as Chairman of the Bellingham Planning Board. It was unanimously accepted with appreciation and regret.

Mr. E. DeRouin then made a motion that Mr. Delannoy be elected Chairman of the Bellingham Planning Board. So voted, 3 Yes and one Abstention.

Mr. Richardson then suggested that Mr. R. Bowie be contacted as to the progress of the Plan Index and also that Mr. J. Shurtleff be contacted to meet with the Board for a progress report on the Master Plan Survey.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Delannoy stated that he would have requested Mr. Richardson's resignation

Howard D. Richardson
Howard D. Richardson, Clerk

Approved as read:

René M. Delannoy - Ch.