

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD
NORTH COMMUNITY BUILDING
BELLINGHAM, MASS.
November 17, 1966.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ZONING BY-LAWS.
Also REGULAR MEETING - "Town Planning".

Members present: Francis J. Prior, Chairman
Robert M. Chase Roland G. Beauregard
J. Eugene Corriveau David E. Andrews

Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. and made a motion to dispense with the regular order of business and proceed with the PUBLIC HEARING. No objections.

With about fourteen residents present, Prior informed them that in preparation for these Public Hearings on proposed changes to the Zoning Maps and By-Laws, the Planning Board had met at various times with the Selectmen, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Industrial Development Commission. Philip B. Herr Associates have rendered a Zoning Analysis and Public Hearings were now scheduled to give the residents an opportunity to voice their opinions. Suggestions on revisions made by residents will be given full consideration by the Planning Board.

Prior stated that one of the suggested revisions is to increase the depth of the commercial area from 200 ft. to 400 ft., allowing for more off street parking.

In discussing the Beaver Pond area, George Wheeler, Finance Comm. Chairman, said he wished to go on record as opposing its being changed to an industrial area. Further suggestions were (1) the Farm St. side be zoned residential, (2) the board said it would consider the suggestion to widen the area at Hartford Ave., Careyville, (3) Residents present suggested that as much as possible of the land at the new Rt. 495 be zoned Industrial and (4) a change of Industrial land back to Residential along Rt. 140 at the Franklin line was also taken under consideration.

Further discussions on Zoning Changes will be held by the Planning Board.

Robert Chase held a discussion on the proposed changes to the Zoning By-Laws. He stated that the suggested changes are proposed mostly by the townspeople and the Planning Board holds these Public Hearings to give all residents a chance to voice their opinions.

Carl Roselund suggested that the "Accessory Uses" section of the Zoning By-Law be clarified; that the parking of a 1½ ton commercial vehicle be increased to read 2½ tons.

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The By-Law on trailers was discussed and Chase stated that the requirements at business sites would be determined according to the type of business. A section on the size and placing of business signs will be more clearly defined.

Members of the Zoning Board were present at the Public Hearing and it was suggested that this board be increased to a five member board as it now consists of only three members.

PUBLIC HEARING was declared closed by the chairman at 10:30 P.M.

Because of Thanksgiving, Chase made a motion that there will be no meeting of the Planning Board on 11/24/66. Seconded by Corriveau. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Giard
Joan M. Giard, Clerk

APPROVED AS READ:

Francis D. Poir
David E. Chabers
J. Eugene Corriveau
Roland V. Beauvregard