

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL - DOWN STAIRS MTG. ROOM  
BELLINGHAM, MASS.

Meeting of March 16, 1967.

"PUBLIC HEARING" - PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ZONING BYLAW AND MAP.

Members present: Francis J. Prior      Roland G. Beauregard  
Robert M. Chase      Gerard M. Daigle

Meeting was called to order by the chairman. Regular order of business was dispensed.

Board members signed the RELEASE of the following lots in the "HILLSDALE ESTATES" subdivision: Lots 4-7-8 So. Main St., Lots 10 to 26 and 75 to 94 Little Tree Lane. Motion to release with the acceptance of two bonds to cover finishing of the roadway, made by Robert Chase and seconded by Beauregard. Vote unanimous.

Maurice Morin presented a plan for Dal-Mor Realty for recording purposes. Plan was previously presented on 11/15/66 but because it was not recorded in 30 days, signatures of the board were again requested. Two plans were signed to distinguish the Land Court Section; Motion made by Chase and (2) by Beauregard. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:30 P.M.

Public Hearing was called to order by the chairman and the notice as it appeared in the newspapers was read by the clerk. About 30 interested townspeople were present. Each Article in the Zoning Bylaw was read by the Board members and discussed with the public.

Under Article II - 2310 William Crouse requested that the board consider a one (1) year period instead of two years for re-establishment of a non-conforming use which has been abandoned or dis-continued. Board took this under advisement.

Under Art. II - 2340, Bernard Croteau requested that the board take out the 50% replacement value on structure damage Crouse and Cibley suggested that the article state, less than 75%, more than 50%. Taken under advisement by the board.

The ACTIVITY OR USE section was reviewed again by the board for the benefit of the townspeople present. Upon request, the section on Accessory Uses was taken under advisement when Arthur Allard of So. Main Street objected to the limiting of e non-commercial vehicles per dwelling unit. Select. Joseph Scolovino said that this would be in direct conflict with the town by-law calling for not more than one unregistered car on the premises without a special permit.

At this point chairman Francis Prior reminded the public that this was the fifth Public Hearing on the proposed changes and said these suggestions should have been made earlier.

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Under Recreational Uses: Public Stables, William Crouse suggested that a Special Permit be required in the Residential Zone.

Cibley suggested that the board consider eliminating political signs.

Under Article III - Home Occupations - Mrs. Marini requested that the board specify that a beauty parlor is included as a home occupation.

Prior outlined the proposed changes to the Zoning Map. Eight residents present objected to the proposed change from Residential to Commercial by expanding the present area at So. Main Street and Harpin Street. Clinton Jacks of So. Main Street said he felt the change to commercial would benefit one individual rather than benefit the town. He said the area is too close to the playground and schools and would constitute a hazard for school buses. All eight objected to any change in the So. Main Street area.

Robert Chase called attention to the tremendous growth in business in the town and said that the board sees the need to clarify and up-date the Zoning By-Laws, to allow for the potential development of Route 495 and to benefit people of all areas. He said the board will consider all comments and suggestions.

Public Hearing was declared closed at 10:15 P.M.

Board members adjourned to their regular meeting room and reviewed and discussed all comments and suggestions made at the Public Hearing. Proposed changes to the Zoning By-Laws and Map changes were taken under further advisement. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

*Thomas J. Quinn*

*Robert M. Chase*

*David E. Quirk*

*Holmes H. Beauregard*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joan M. Giard*  
Joan M. Giard, Clerk