

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL - PLANNING BOARD ROOM  
BELLINGHAM, MASS.

Meeting of October 19, 1967.

Members present: Francis J. Prior, Chairman  
Robert M. Chase, Vice-Chairman  
Gerard L. Daigle  
Roland G. Beauregard  
David E. Andrews

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read by the clerk on a motion of Beauregard and (2) by Daigle.

Chairman Francis Prior informed the board that the application of the Town of Bellingham has been accepted by the METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL. Prior said the letter of acceptance will be taken to Washington when he and members of the Board of Selectmen attend a meeting as Water Grants will be discussed.

Philip B. Herr, Consultant, stated that the acceptance has placed Bellingham as a leader in this area and the town will now benefit by being part of the extensive studies of the M.A.P.C. and therefore part of the solutions. The town will now be eligible for various types of Federal Aids and will have a voice on the council.

In other business the board conferred on the RECREATIONAL STUDY returns with Mr. Herr who reported that about 560 questionnaires had been tabulated representing about 60% of those submitted. About 77 returns were from the North, 167 from the South and 285 for the Center with the remainder not determinable.

The study showed a concern over parks, playgrounds and ballfields, supervised programs such as swimming and 2 out of 5 stressed the need for a Youth Center. Bowling, in-door theaters, roller-skating, ice-skating and picnic areas were also noted. Mr. Herr reported that the study showed 359 residents approved of spending more tax revenue on recreational facilities while only 71 applications replied negatively.

Chase suggested that since only 64 teen-agers replied, constituting a small number, the survey should be taken through the schools.

Chairman F. Prior agreed that if the first order of business relative to the study would be geared to the youth then the schools and people who deal with the children would be further consulted.

Herr will submit a more formal report and the Planning Board will then further analyze the study.

ZONING REVISIONS were discussed by the board and will be

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Copies of the two letters requested from the D.P.U. in connection with Lisa Ann Drive were received and will be discussed with Town Counsel.

The Planning Board has scheduled a Joint Meeting with Mr. Herr and various boards for November 16 to further discuss Cluster Zoning.

A bill for the 3rd. quarter retainer for Philip Herr in the amt. of \$400.00 was approved for payment together with \$46.86 for the printing of street and zoning maps.

Release of twenty (20) lots in the Pilgrim Village at Bellingham subdivision was unanimously granted by the board releasing a bond in the amount of \$700.00 which covered completion of driveways for the following lots: Standish Rd. Lots 20 thru 24, and lots 108 thru 112. Apache Rd. Lots 48 thru 52, Lots 154 thru 158.

Prior said that at the next meeting of the board a discussion will be held on lot sizes and the presentation of Cluster Zoning.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

*Blanche J. Prior*

*Robert W. Chase*

*Herb L. Dayle*

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean M. Giard*  
Jean M. Giard, Clerk