

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

PUBLIC HEARING - February 28, 1968.

RE: ZONING CHANGE

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

Public Hearing was called to order by the chairman at 8:15 P.M. Notice as it appeared in the Woonsocket Call and Milford News was read by the clerk. About 15 townspeople were present.

Atty. Francis G. McGee, representing his clients, Alexander Harcovitz and Roger Belanger of Brookline, operators under Belleville Realty, Inc. who propose to purchase about 24 acres of land for the purpose of constructing a Shopping Center at Hartford Ave. and North Main Street, explained to the people present that about three-quarters of the land to be purchased is zoned commercial and the balance is zoned agricultural. The Zoning of the entire parcel as commercial was an important factor when negotiating with the various companies who may be interested in joining the complex of stores, he said; also, his clients did not wish to cause the rezoning of anyone else's land. The request is to increase a strip of land 200 ft. making the parcel to be zoned commercial to be 800 ft. in depth instead of the present 600 ft. McGee said the center would include a chain store, department store, theater and bank.

Joseph Chamberlain of the Conservation Commission said he was in favor of shopping center but was concerned that the wetlands are not be eliminated in the construction of the complex.

Lawrence J. Cibley, Director of the Indust. Develop. Commission, said he was entirely in favor of the rezoning of the land as requested because it will afford the maximum use of the property and it would be used to the best possible advantage. His entire board is one hundred percent in favor of the rezoning, he said.

Robert Chase made a motion to change the zoning for an extension of 200 ft. from agricultural to Commercial at Hartford Avenue and No. Main Street, for a total of 1900 ft. on No. Main St. Motion was seconded by Daigle. Vete unanimous.

There being no further discussion, the chairman adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:05 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

*Francis J. Prior*  
*Robert M. Chase*  
*Gerard L. Daigle*  
*David E. Andrews*

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