

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

Meeting of September 12, 1968.- PUBLIC HEARING WETHERS.I & II  
Members present:- Francis J. Prior, Chairman  
Gerard L. Daigle  
Michele S. Parisi  
Timothy J. Hannigan

Because a large number of townspeople were present, a motion to adjourn to lower town hall for the Public Hearing was made by Parisi and (2) by Daigle.

PUBLIC HEARING on Wethersfield I Revised was called to order by the chairman at 8:00 P.M. About 25 persons were in attendance including Thomas Heavey and Eugene Corriveau of the Water Dept. Notice as it appeared in the newspapers was read by the clerk; all abutters had been notified.

Paul Casey, Engineer, explained the proposed subdivision and said perc tests were satisfactory for all lots except lots 37 thru 41, both inclusive, for which permission to build would be necessary from the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Board of Health because the Hatch Act would apply. Thomas Heavey, Water Commissioner, warned that careful supervision was necessary as to any building in the area of these lots because it was swampy. He said his board wished to alert the Planning Board to the fullest degree that careful sewerage plans must be made if building is to be permitted. Corriveau asked to see a topo map showing just which part was the brook and what is swampland. He said to his knowledge the area is a vast swamp and building should not be permitted. Casey said a topo map would be made. <sup>obtained if available</sup> Prior noted that the Soil Survey Map designated the area as (3), severe wet-land.

George Holmes, Conservation Comm. Secretary informed the people that his board is sending notification to the Dept. of Natural Resources as to the wet-land in this area.

Paul Mahoney and Kenneth Tanuta both of Nason Street objected to the plan as the area is already plagued with drainage problems. Prior informed them that only lot sizes, frontage and street requirements were under the Planning Board's jurisdiction and if these requirements were met, the board could not deny approval of the subdivision.

The Water Dept. submitted a letter of approval of water main sizes and appurtenances but stressed that a brook in the development passes by town wells and could cause well contamination from the leeching fields.

Tanuta inquired as to any recourse the abutters may have and was informed that they could object to the Planning Board's approval of the plan since they have 20 days in which to appeal the board's decision. Tanuta said in speaking for at least 15

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residents in the area that further action would be taken by the abutters.

On a motion made by Parisi and (2) by Hannigan the plan of Wethersfield I Revised was taken under advisement. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Revised plan of Wethersfield II was called to order by the chairman at 9:20 P.M. Notice as it appeared in the newspapers was read by the clerk; all abutters having been notified.

Francis Pelletier and William Rose voiced concern about drainage and sewerage in the area if new building was allowed. Board member, Michele Parisi said although several abutters voiced personal objections to the plan, no legal background was provided the board on which it could legally deny its approval.

Motion to take the plan under advisement was made by Daigle and (2) by Parisi. Vote was unanimous. Public Hearing on Wethersfield II Revised was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Because proper description and names of abutters was not submitted in time for advertising, Public Hearing for the (2) lots on Clarence Road was postponed until October 3, 1968 at 8:00 P.M.

Board members Daigle and Prior have made reservations to attend the Fall Meeting of the Mass. Federation of Planning Boards on October 5 to be held at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, Mass.

APPROVED AS READ:

*Francis J. Prior*  
*Herb L. Daigle*  
*Poland H. Beauregard*  
*Michele S. Parisi*  
*Timothy J. Hannigan*

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan M. Giard*  
Joan M. Giard, Clerk