

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

PUBLIC HEARING - FLOOD PLAIN ZONING REQUIREMENTS
Meeting of February 20, 1969.

Members present: Francis J. Prior, Chairman
Gerard L. Daigle, Vice-Chairman
Michele S. Parisi

PUBLIC HEARING was called to order by the Chairman at 8:00 P.M. Notice as it appeared in the newspapers was read by the clerk.

Present were Mrs. Donat Laplante and her son, Mr. Collamati, Mr. Guillmette, James Brennan and Finance Comm. Chairman, George Wheeler. Mrs. Laplante and her son voiced disapproval of the elevations and requirements for the Paine St. area which abuts the Peters River. They said there were no problems of seasonal flooding from the Peters River, only from storm water running off the hill.

Prior explained that these elevations are based on the rise of Charles and Peters Rivers during flood stages as determined by studies conducted by the Corps. of Engineers.

Mrs. Laplante objected that the Flood Plain requirements included the Peters River at the Paine St. section because the state had already surveyed and tended to that area in regards to flood control.

Parisi explained that these Flood Plain Requirements are intended as a protective measure and are not formulated to prevent people from building in those areas.

There being no further discussion the Public Hearing was declared closed at 8:45 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING was then opened and minutes were unanimously approved as follows:-

Minutes of Jan. 30, 1969 - Motion made by Daigle and (2) by Parisi.

Public Hearing of Feb. 6, 1969 - Also Regular Meeting of the same date, approved on a motion made by Parisi and (2) by Daigle.

Public Hearing of Feb. 13, 1969 - Also Regular Meeting of the same date, approved on a motion made by Daigle and (2) by Parisi.

Board members again discussed proper procedures of street acceptances. Daigle said he was concerned because even though the board knows that the blame lies with the Board of Selectmen, petitioners are still inclined to blame the Planning Board. Wheeler explained that the Finance Comm. has delayed all requests on street acceptances for another week so as to enable the required Public Hearings to be held.

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Members agreed that procedures for street acceptance should be printed and made available to the townspeople to facilitate and speed up acceptance.

A five minute recess was called by the chairman at 9:10 P.M.

Meeting was reopened and in-coming correspondence was reviewed. Prior noted that a list of bills before the General Court was received from the Federation of Planning Boards.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

Wanda J. Davis
Gerard L. Davis
Michelle S. Davis

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Giard
Joan M. Giard, Clerk