

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

Regular Meeting of April 3, 1969.
Also JOINT MEETING -ZONING BOARD

Members present:- Michele S. Parisi, Chairman
Gerard L. Daigle, Vice-Chairman & Clerk
James E. Hart

Meeting was called to order by the chairman at 8:10 P.M. and the regular order of business was dispensed for the present.

Vincent Thayer was present and requested advice on a parcel of family land on Depot Street which had been previously discussed with the board. Two hundred feet is zoned agricultural and an additional 30 feet allowed would leave him 70 feet short for two house lots and a variance will be needed the board suggested. A motion was made by Daigle to recommend Planning Board support for Thayer's request to extend into the Industrial Zone allowing sufficient frontage for 2 house lots. Motion was seconded by Hart and was unanimous. A letter of said recommendation to be sent to the Zoning Board.

Consultant, Philip Herr, attended and advised that the chapter on Earth Removal be made a part of the Zoning By-Laws and administered by the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said one of the existing by-laws would first have to be changed at a Town Meeting. Selectmen would be allowed to issue Special Permits.

Herr also reported on a check of the reality of unemployment in the area which shows 1,000 unemployed, an 8% unemployment rate. He informed the board that the E.D.A. would help promote a study of the characteristics of the unemployed if the towns would assist by offering office space, cooperation and be sponsors of such a program. Herr noted this report as another point of discussion for the future general meeting with surrounding towns.

JOINT MEETING with the Zoning Board was called to order by the chairman at 8:45 P.M. Zoning Board members attending were Carl Rosenlund, chairman, Leo Perrault, Arthur Wheeler, Richard Vose and Robert Kingdon. Parisi expressed regret for the neglect of not meeting sooner with the Zoning members since they will be the governing body on the proposed articles for Zoning By-Laws changes and said they and the Zoning and Building Inspectors will be brought in on future discussions for proposed Zoning changes.

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Rosenlund asked that the boards also work out an arrangement where a representative of the Planning Board could attend their meetings and render recommendations and comment. A suggested solution was that the boards meet on alternate nights. Parisi said he would await the Zoning Boards decision.

Parisi explained the 3 Articles on proposed changes to the Zoning By-Laws which are on the current town warrant. He said that the Multi-Family Dwelling article was turned down by the Finance Committee and the IDC but noted that no representatives of the 2 boards who voted against it were present at the Public Hearing and therefore, not properly informed. This proposal is looking to the future and will update the town he said. Herr affirmed that the Multi-Family Dwellings would provide an additional choice in housing and further attempt to enlighten the townspeople has been made.

CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT and FLOOD PLAIN proposals were also discussed. The Joint Meeting was declared closed at 10:00 P.M. and the regular order of business was resumed.

In-coming correspondence was reviewed. Municipal Research Bureau is sponsoring a seminar at Dean Jr. College, Franklin, on 5-1-69 at 6:00 P.M. A bill in the amount of \$28.50 was approved for payment to Ayotte Printers.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

Michelle S. Parisi
Gerard L. Day
Lynette Harny
James C. Hart

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Giard
Joan M. Giard, Secretary