

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
PLANNING BOARD ROOM-TOWN HALL  
Bellingham, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of December 14, 1972

Members Present: James E. Hart, Chairman  
Sergio Rotatori, Vice Chairman, Clerk  
Wilfred P. Arcand  
Joseph G. Cortes

Chairman James Hart opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M., and dispensed with the regular order of business.

Permission was granted to the Boy Scouts of America to reprint 200 Bellingham street maps with the stipulation that For Boy Scout Use Only be printed on them and that they will not be sold.

George Chapman representing the Conservation Commission apologized to the Board for any misrepresentations that took place the past few weeks. Chapman said his Commission would be at the Board's next meeting and a discussion can be held to iron out any problems. Hart told Chapman the Conservation Commission should have notified the Planning Board, Board of Health and all the other various Boards involved of their plans before they went to the newspapers. Chapman apologized and said unfortunately his board did not do this. All they were doing was trying to prevent any drainage going into the Town's water. Hart asked if the Conservation Commission was against small business in town. Chapman answered no as long as they did not hurt our waters. There would be no problems as long as our waters were not contaminated. Arcand told Chapman any time the Board has a subdivision that we feel might be of concern to the Conservation people the Board would notify them.

Minutes of the November 9th meeting was approved as read on an Arcand-Rotatori motion, Cortes for and Hart abstaining.

Hart asked if Harpin on North Street was notified of the Water Board's estimate to bring water down to North Street. Rotatori stated he has talked to them personally. Hart said the Form B had not been filed with the Town Clerk, but that Harpin should be notified of the Water Board's estimates in writing.

Cortes stated that he represented the Board at the Resources Inventory in town and that it was now complete and has been sent to the State. He had also told the Conservation Committee he was not at all happy with the news reports, and they had apologized and stated they would apologize formally to the Board. Arcand told the Board he thought the closest ties with the Conservation Committee should be the Zoning Agent. His main objection is that the Zoning Agent has three Board of Health members on his back. He has split himself into three jobs and this is wrong. Hart stated this was the reason he had it before the Town Meeting to have the Zoning Agent appointed by the

*James E. Hart*  
*Lgt*

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Planning Board. Arcand said if one man is trying to do three jobs, he is going to lean in one direction more than the others. Rotatori said in a small town like this when you have one man handling all the jobs he knows what is going on in town. Borowski was asked his opinion of his job, and said the job can be handled by one man if he had a clerk to handle all the paper work. He does not sway more to one job than to the others.

The following bills were unanimously approved on an Arcand-Rotatori motion;

Goodhue's Cash and Carry, 7 cans of paint.....	\$7.00
Woonsocket Typewriter, repairing typewriter.....	\$14.50
Jean Brewer, Stamps and certified mail.....	\$29.03
Jean Brewer, Salary Account.....	\$35.75
Douglas Stamp Works, Planning Board address stamp....	\$3.86

On a Cortes-Rotatori motion it was voted to reinsert the Rte. 140 rezoning on the annual Town Warrant, Hart voting for with Arcand abstaining.

Arcand said he would like to discuss temporary structures with Phil Herr. He did not think the people should have to go through the expense and bother of getting a Special Permit and going before the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Building Inspector is qualified enough to be able to say if it should be permitted. He would like to see temporary structures deleted. Zoning Board of Appeals will be notified if the Board decides to do it. Hart said he would also like to discuss Home Occupations with Herr and see if they could delete some occupations like machine shops, barber shops, and beauty parlors.

Arcand asked if under the rules and regulations of subdivisions if the contractor was ever made to pay for the street lights. It costs the Town a lot of money to put in lights. Herr will be consulted.

Arcand told the Board that a letter was given to the Highway Superintendent from the Board of Selectmen to estimate the cost of piping the drainage along Caroline Drive. This is going to cost the Town money they could have used elsewhere. He has been saying that in any new subdivisions in town the contractor should be made to pipe in any open water. He objected to open trenches. Hart stated he agreed with him in some cases. They are going to have a lot of septic trouble if the trench in Wethersfield is piped in. He didn't think you can have one set of rules. What if there is a brook. Arcand stated there is a difference between an open trench and a natural brook. Herr will be consulted.

On a Cortes-Rotatori motion Lot 61 on Shiela Road was unanimously approved for release. Copy will be sent to Robert Flynn of Flynn and Flynn in Waltham.

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Lake Restaurant to expand the dining room to provide additional seating capacity was brought up by Arcand, who stated that the variance was more than 50% of the original room. Borowski stated if they are going to use the same leaching field they now have, he would not OK it.

On a Cortes-Rotatori motion, meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

*James E. Hart*  
*Lincoln Hargis*  
*Walter Chas*

Respectfully Submitted:

Sergio Rotatori,  
Clerk