

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
SOUTH COMMUNITY BUILDING  
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Regular Meeting of July 25, 1974

Members Present: Sergio Rotatori, Chairman  
James E. Hart, Vice Chairman, Clerk  
Francis O. Forte  
James A. McElroy

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

John Halnon presented a plan of land owned by Benjamin S and Leona A. Stratman of Lot 94 containing 28.59 acres located off Farm St., Approval Not Required. On a McElroy-Forte motion the plan of Benjamin Stratman of Lot 94 off Farm Street was unanimously approved.

Halnon presented a plan of land located on the northeasterly side of Depot street containing 3.0 acres owned by Medway C & L Realty Trust of 340 Cape Road, Mendon. On a McElroy-Forte motion the plan of Medway C & L Realty Trust of one lot located on Depot Street was unanimously approved, Approval Not Required.

Minutes of the July 11th meeting were unanimously approved as read on a Hart-McElroy motion.

The following bills were unanimously approved for payment on a Hart-McElroy motion:

Jean Brewer 17 certified mail recinding of Med and Lizotte  
Sts @ 55¢/each.....\$9.35  
2 copies of subdivision plans from Registry of Deeds  
@ \$1.00/each.....\$2.00  
Mileage round trip to Registry of Deeds.....\$4.32

Rotatori informed the Board Benjamin Ferigno was going ahead with his proposed street and would come in with a bond at a later date.

Rotatori told the Board the plan of proposed Browning Street off Hartford St. is a new subdivision. A public hearing date of August 22, 1974 at 8:30 P.M. was set. Discussion on the need for sidewalks in an industrial subdivision was held. Forte stated in his recent travels around the country most of the industrial parks had sidewalks. Consultant Philip Herr stated it would be up to the Board and that they could request sidewalks on both sides. This could be discussed at the public hearing.

Forte showed the Board a set of maps recently received from the Sewerage Study Committee. Herr will study the maps and return them to the Board. Schafer's land that he is proposing for a shopping center was looked into. Forte stated the next step is for the Sewerage Study Committee to present a primary for

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the townspeople. Woonsocket is looking for a commitment from the town. They are building their plan anyhow. Bellingham would not have to lay out any money right now. The understanding would be that the Woonsocket system would be built to accomodate Bellingham at some later date. Herr stated he would be disappointed if the whole boards involved did not get involved in the preliminary plans and suggested a joint meeting. The second best thing would be if a preliminary report would be published for review by all the boards. Forte stated this was why a member from the different boards in town were on the Sewerage Study Committee. It is their duty to report back on progress to their various boards.

Herr presented a memo on Political Offices and Signs comparing Franklin and Bellingham. He pointed out the two by-laws were almost identical, but the interpretations different. McElroy suggested it was not up to the Planning Board to interpret the laws. The Zoning Agent has to carry out the laws. Forte suggested the Selectmen be written informing them that violations of political signs were rampant throughout town. Rotatori said it was the intent of the bylaws passed recently to eliminate all political signs. The town had no trouble last year but they are back again this year. McElroy questioned if it was intended to just limit political signs to certain areas or just to eliminate political signs.

Board discussed with Herr the recent request from the Selectmen that Herr prepare a long range space plan for the Town. McElroy questioned if there were enough hours in our contract with Herr that would allow this study to be done. Herr said an update of the study done two years ago could be easily done, but recommendations will be more difficult to make, and suggested the engineer presently doing the study on the town hall be contacted. Rotatori thought the Selectmen just want someone to say the present town hall is not large enough. Herr stated his 1972 study made it clear the present town hall was not large enough. McElroy pointed out since the last study was done, offices were added to the downstairs and the old town barn put to use. Herr will get back to the Board.

Board discussed Herr's contract for fiscal 1975. On a McElroy-Forte motion the Board voted unanimously to retain the services of Philip B. Herr & Associates on a retainer basis as outlined in a letter dated July 15, 1974.

Rescinding of Med and Lizotte Streets was discussed with Herr. Herr pointed out since the Planning Board did not approve the original plan, he questioned if the Planning Board can rescind the plan. On the two lots on Med Street, he questioned if the Board could also rescind an endorsement of a plan. Board reviewed correspondence with Town Counsel regarding the plan on Med Street.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. on a Hart-Forte motion.

APPROVED AS READ:

Respectfully Submitted:

*Signatures of Board Members:*  
Serge Rotatori  
James E. Hart  
James McElroy  
James Q. Forte

James E. Hart, Clerk