

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL ANNEX
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Regular Meeting of May 11, 1978

Members Present: John P. Murray, Chairman
Sergio P. Rotatori, Vice Chairman, Clerk
Gerald Brisson
Normand Langlais

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Paul Duffy, Gerald Goodrich, Lewis LeBlanc, Dick Potochniak and Eugene Hudon all residents of Center Park Estates spoke with the Board about the conditions existing on Susan Lane and Sharon Avenue. Hudon spokesman for the group told the Board they realized the original developer went bankrupt but it was their understanding that there was a bond outstanding to cover the necessary work left to be done. The residents felt there was a safety hazard with the children. There were about 35 children on the streets and there is no lighting and no street signs. There was a fire in one of the homes and the engines were delayed in responding to the call. A similar situation took place when a child was hit while riding a bike. the ambulance could not find the street. The cul de sac at the end of the street is used by kids for parking. The most urgent hazard is the storm drains that have large holes in them. Most of the men are salesmen who travel and the wives are home alone with no street lights. There had been several break-ins. Hudon told the Board they were seeking a direction to get rid of these problems. He asked if the Town Council could help them out, or if the Board could get the bank to release the bond to have the work done. Rotatori told the residents the Board realized there was still work left to be done on the subdivision. The Board is the one holding the bond and they have requested Town Council for action. The town could not let any of their vehicles go into the property to do any work because since it is privately owned, they would be liable. Murray suggested the residents write a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting Town Council to take some action on the bond. The Planning Board has been trying without success to get some action. Hudon asked how the street could be accepted by the Town. Murray told them that first they would have to determine who owns the street, and then they would have to get the deed to the street, present it to the Selectmen and formally request the street be accepted. Rotatori told the residents it would be doubtful if the town would accept it in its present condition. The bank took over the subdivision after the developer went bankrupt and the bank is now responsible. They knew about the conditions when they took over the lots. Langlais told the Board he felt as taxpayers they had a legitimate point to seek some action. The best thing to do is to put something in writing to both the Selectmen and the Planning Board. Murray suggested they ask the Selectmen for a meeting to let them know of their problems. They would be the ones to see about putting up a street sign, lighting and filling in the drains. Residents agreed they would go to the Selectmen. Brisson also suggested a letter be sent to Lee Ambler with a copy to the Selectmen on the matter. Henry Borowski told the Board he had issued Occupancy Permits on the remaining

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homes at Center Park Estates after the bank took possession because the bank could sue the town for liability and taxes and interest on the homes. When Lee Ambler brought up that fact to the Selectmen they ordered him to issue the Occupancy Permits. There are still some vacant lots that they would like to build on but he would not issue any building permits until the roads were taken care of. Rotatori stated he felt that Ambler had made a mistake when he gave the advice to issue the occupancy permits. They might have been able to force the bank to take care of the streets. The residents told the Board they would seek an appointment with the Selectmen and try in the meantime to find out the owners name.

Rotatori questioned Borowski on a piece of land on Pulaski Blvd. that was given a varience near Mostek's. At that time there was a barn right in the middle of the land that was supposed to be torn down. It is still up. It has been over a year since all this took place. Borowski told the Board he would look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. on a Rotatori-Langlais motion.

Respectfully submitted,


Sergio Rotatori, Clerk