

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL ANNEX  
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Regular Meeting of September 14, 1978

Benny Ferigno requested release of the \$9,000.00 savings book which covers cost of the remaining improvements left on Powder Hill Estates. Letter was received from Highway Superintendent, Gerard L. Daigle advising that the sidewalk and berm for the remaining portion of Little Tree Lane and Overlook Drive has been satisfactorily installed and meets all of the Board's rules and regulations. On a Rotatori-Brisson motion the Board voted unanimously to release the bank book. Letter will be sent to the Town Treasurer authorizing him to release the book to Ferigno.

A discussion on the proposed Shoppers Circus at Bellingham was held. Letter was received from the Board of Selectmen stating that they were in favor of the mall. Letter was received from Eileen and Herbert Curll lending their support for the mall and a unsigned letter dated Sept. 11th was received stating they were very much opposed to it.

Representative Donat LaPlante told the board he would be in favor of the mall as presented, saying it would strengthen the tax base and give the town's people more job opportunities. He felt the mall would be an asset to the Town.

Langlais stated there were procedures to be followed first. He, himself, would feel foolish if something comes up that would be in conflict with our laws.

Brisson went on record as being in favor of the mall and would be in favor of something like this in the Town of Bellingham. But when they do come forth with something definitive in the form of a formal plan he for one will scrutinize it very carefully. He felt a good example of this type of project would be the one at Lincoln Mall.

Murray felt all they could do would be to endorse the concept at this time.

Rotatori felt it would be a good thing for the Town of Bellingham if they come in with the right kind of stores. We can endorse it now, but that doesn't mean that we will approve it at a later date.


Murray felt the traffic pattern would have to be scrutinized.

Rotatori, Murray and Brisson all stated they were in favor of the mall and Langlais stated he was in favor of anything that is going to improve or broaden the tax base of the town providing it doesn't take away anything from the town.

Town Clerk Remillard suggested that the developer might be able to find something more suitable for a name than the Bellingham Shoppers Circus. Discussion was held on the Board's next step. Langlais stated they could not approve the plan now since nothing has been presented to them. It would appear that they have gotten quite a bit of exposure on the mall already. They have been discussed by the Selectmen and have been before this Board for a presentation. It would appear that the next step would be for them to find some tenants.

Murray stated he had received quite a bit of phone calls on the matter and all were in favor with the exception of one phone call. From this he would gather that most of the Town was in favor of the mall.

On a Rotatori-Brisson motion the board voted unanimously to approve the bill to the Woonsocket Call for \$24.48, Acct #1-112, for advertising the



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Public Hearing on Clark's request for rezoning his shopping center from B-1 to B-2.

Releasing bonds held for improvements on streets in subdivisions was discussed. Brisson stated he would like to make it a board policy that they personally inspect the various streets themselves rather than as it is now where they rely only on the advise of the highway superintendent. Secretary will comply a list of outstanding bonds and subdivisions that are still active.

Center Park Estates was discussed. If the Board does not hear anything from Ambler by the next meeting a letter will be sent requesting to be brought up to date on the developments.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M. on a Rotatori-Brisson motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sergio Rotatori".

Sergio Rotatori, Clerk, Vice-Chairman