

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL ANNEX  
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Regular meeting of December 13, 1979

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

Vice Chairman Rotatori opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. in the absense of Chairman Murray.


Release of Lot No. 3039B on Wethersfield Road was requested thru the mail. On a Langlais-Brisson motion the Board voted to approve the release with Rotatori and Rosenlund voting in favor.

On a Langlais-Brisson motion a bill for the period of July 1, 1979 thru December 31, 1979 from Philip B. Herr & Associates was approved for \$1800.00, Rotatori and Rosenlund voting in favor.

Gary Cummings, Farm Street, appeared before the Board for their approval of a subdivision of land into three lots on Hixon Street. Plans that were submitted was not in the approved form and there was no linen. Cummings told the Board his engineer had drawn up the plans when he went before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance as one of the lot did not have the required frontage. Cummings was not aware that he had to have the original for recording. Cummings stated that he would get the correct drawings and ask the Board to sign them at the next meeting.

Bill Farrell of Dullinen Engineering presented the board with 25 approval not required plans. All lots were situated under the Charles River flood plains and were being taken by the Corps of engineers as a public taking. Murray told the Board he had talked with Phil Herr who stated since the land was going to be a public taking the Board did not have to be concerned with frontage or any of the town's zoning requirements. Langlais stated that there have been some communities that have not gone along with the Corps taking. He questioned if these plans represented the whole land taking involved in Bellingham. Farrell stated he was not familiar with the land takings in Bellingham and could not say. Murray felt it only involved the land north of Hartford Avenue and that there would be more plans to be signed in the future. The plans could even be considered not submitted as there is a lot of information that is not submitted on the plans. Brisson pointed out that most likely the land is all wet land and could not be built on. He would like to see a base map which showed where all of the lots were located that were going to be taken. There were also no copies of the plans submitted. Farrell told the Board he would mail them a base map along with one set of the plans. He will request the plans approval at the next meeting.

Gerry Marchand and Fern Dalpe developers of Rakeville Circle spoke with the Board regarding their subdivision and the completion of the roads. Marchand requested that the Board waive the sidewalk and allow them to put in cape cod berms instead. He stated he had been in contact with a contractor who felt the remaining work could be finished if they moved quickly and if the weather held. Brisson stated the Board would like to see the paving down before the coming of winter. Marchand stated



they had had one complaint from the neighbors about eliminating the sidewalk. The rest of the people of the circle would most likely like to have cape cod berms than the sidewalks. His contractor would landscape the lawns so they would slope the right way to meet the berms rather than the intended walks. He pointed out that their street was much wider than Janet and Priscilla Avenues and that the two lead in streets did not have sidewalks. Murray stated that walks have been waived once since he had been on the Board but in that case the contractor had come in with a petition signed by the people that stated they did not want walks. Rosenlund questioned Marchand stating it was his impression that the last time they meet with the Board that they were going to get the neighbors to sign such a statement. Marchand stated that the people were never told that they were going to have walks. All they want is a berm of some sort to keep their lawns in place. Marchand asked since time was getting short to get the road in if it would be OK if they got a petition signed by the neighbors and went ahead with the road. He would get a copy of the petition around to each of the members. Brisson stated that he is in favor of walks but the two streets leading into the subdivison do not have walks. Rosenlund stated that even though there are not walks leading up to the street he did not want the people coming in to the Board looking for walks at a later date. He wanted to see the petition to be sure that is what the people themselves want. He would be willing to go along with seeing that 90% of the 16 families go along with the elimination of walks. He wanted to have a petition on record. Brisson suggested that the Board would go along with the waiver of the walks if each of the members got a copy of the petition approving the elimination of the walks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M. on a Rosenlund-Brisson motion, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sergio Rotatori", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sergio Rotatori, Clerk