



BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

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July 8, 2004 Meeting Minutes

- **Present at the meeting:**

Roland R. Laprade (RRL), Chair (not present)
Edward W. Guzowski, (EWG), Vice Chair
Thomas J. Guerin (TJG), Secretary
Brian J. Sutherland (BJS)
Arthur P. MacNeil (APM)
Glenn C. Wocjik (GCW), Alternate

Other officials: Stacey J. Wetstein, (SJW) Town Planner
Amy Cook, (AC), Commission on Disabilities (not present)

General Business:

EWG opened the meeting at 7pm.

BJS: Motion to accept minutes dated June 24, 2004.

APM: Second.

Vote: 4-0 approved.

BJS: Motion to accept minutes for Executive Session minutes dated June 24, 2004.

APM: Second.

Vote: 4-0 approved.

BJS: Motion to sign the vouchers.

APM: Second.

Vote: 4-0 approved.

Discussion on The Home Depot permits and number of parking spaces they are currently using for storage. SJW will identify the exact number of parking spaces required by the zoning regulations for the project.

Informal Discussion – Paul Rose

Resident at 2 Northeast Drive, in Bellingham since 1985 presenting a draft modification to the noise bylaw. He talked to neighbors about their concerns and his draft gives the police wide latitude to determine what noise is in violation of the bylaw.

Current noise bylaw doesn't go into what is considered noise. The hours in draft bylaw were taken from other bylaws. Hybrid of Franklin, Blackstone, Northampton. Draft

bylaw is more subjective than using current standards to measure noise type and volume. There were questions by the Board members as to what can be enforced versus what is reasonable.

SJW will make a comparison of existing bylaw and the draft bylaw and contact the noise consultant used for the Dunkin Donuts review to help with the comparison.

Planner's Update

Discussion of items to be listed on the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting.

July 9, 2004 is the deadline for changes to be brought to BOS.

Discussion of site plan review triggers changes to capture projects with a change of use. Decided to put forth blanket statement of "changes in sight plan review" to town selectmen and refine as needed.

Discussion of General Mill overlay in District initiated by Pearl St Mill project, a proposed senior housing with possible retail component. Would need to be zoned Industrial and requires zoning overlay that can be used for other mills in town. SJW working with Community Opportunities Group to prepare bylaw.

Discussion of proposed Wireless Communication By-law ready to be reviewed and refined if Board is interested in pursuing issue at Fall meeting. Discussion of types of towers and importance of by-law to regulate types of towers allowed.

Discussion of Noise Control by-law changes by taking existing by-law and merging with draft presented by Paul Rose in order to have a more "meaty" by-law. Discussion that by-law could use some "beefing up" but there is too much ambiguity and it would take some work to work out the language.

TJG voiced concern about family apartments and would like to see some changes. Some family apartments now exceed the size of original home, which was not the original intention of the bylaw.

BJS would like to change the zoning by-law regarding power plants-change from "not to exceed three" to "not to exceed two".

SJW asked Board approval to change office hours during summer to Tues and Thurs 8:30-3:30 and 9-1 on Friday.

TJG: Motion to cancel August 12, 2004 meeting.

BJS: Second

Vote: 4-0 approved

APM: Motion to adjourn and go into an Executive Session.

BJS: Second

Vote: 4-0 approved.

Minutes Accepted on: _____

8/26/04
(date)

(prepared by: Mary Chaves)

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EWG called the Executive Session to order at 7:45 PM. The purpose of the session was to interview one candidate, Mary Chaves, for the Planning Board Coordinator position.

BJS: Motion to adjourn.

APM: Second.

Vote: 5-0 approved.

Minutes Accepted on: 8/26/04

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