

**MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF APRIL 5, 2010**  
**Request to reactivate Special Permit Amendment to Autumn Glen Assisted Living**  
**7:30 p.m., Room #315, Town Office Building, 400 Slocum Road**

**Planning Board Members**

Mr. John V. Sousa, Chairman  
Mr. Joseph E. Toomey, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Mr. John P. Haran, Clerk  
Mrs. Lorri-Ann Miller  
Mr. Arthur C. Larrivee

**Planning Staff**

Mr. Donald A. Perry, Planning Director  
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture, Planning Aide

The Chairman opened at 7:30 p.m. the public hearing<sup>1</sup> concerning a request to reactivate a Special Permit which was granted by the Planning Board on September 15, 2008 and which has expired. The resubmitted plan is the same proposal as the previously approved plan and would add 25 special care units (Alzheimer patients) to the existing Autumn Glen Assisted Living Facility located at 239 Cross Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747, Assessor's Map 56, Lots 5 & 5-1.

Five Planning Board members and Planning staff were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Larrivee for discussion, and unanimously voted (5-0), to waive the reading of the legal notice, which appeared in The Chronicle on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, and again on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Directly, Mr. Perry stated the plan was prepared by Stantec Planning & Landscape Architecture, 141 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114, and submitted to the Planning Board office on March 2, 2010 by Raymond P. Mitrano for Northbridge Dartmouth Assisted Living LLC, 15 Third Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. The application for a special permit was officially time stamped in the Town Clerk's office on March 2, 2010, which begins the timeline for action by the Planning Board. Mr. Perry further noted that legal notice was sent on March 3, 2010 to all parties in interest, the Planning Board's of Fall River, Westport, Freetown, Gosnold, and New Bedford; and posted in the Town Office Building. He proceeded to read into the record a 4-page project narrative dated February 26, 2010.

Mr. Perry pointed out that the plans were sent to the departmental reviewers (D.P.W., Conservation, Fire Chief #3, Director of Inspectional Services and the Safety Officer). He noted this submittal incorporated revisions as required in the first submission and the reviewers have raised no new concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of April 5, 2010

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The Chairman asked if the applicant wished to provide comment.

Raymond Mitrano, Northbridge Dartmouth Assisted Living LLC, stated that the plans are exactly the same as the previously approved submission and if anyone has any concerns, he is here tonight to provide information.

Mr. Sousa called for comments and/or questions from the public.

Joseph Raposo, 333 Cross Road, said the privacy issues he raised at the first public hearing have been addressed and he is pleased to see the evergreen buffer provided along his property line.

Theo Kindermans, Stantec Planning & Landscape Architecture, displayed a colored sketch plan which showed the design layout and proposed landscaping.

The Chairman asked Board members to comment.

Brief discussion ensued on the applicant's construction schedule. Mr. Mitano pointed out that they are working out the financing details and hope to get a building permit very soon.

Mr. Perry recommended the Planning Board close this evening's public hearing.

In a roll call vote, a motion was made by Mr. Larrivee, seconded by Mr. Haran, and unanimously voted (5-0), to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Arthur Larrivee – yes; Lorri-Ann Miller – yes; John Haran – yes; and Joseph Toomey, Jr. – yes, John Sousa – yes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture  
Planning Aide