

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF APRIL 12, 2010
Proposed Amendments to the Dartmouth Zoning Bylaws
7:15 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 7:15 p.m. the public hearing¹ concerning the proposed following amendments to the Dartmouth Zoning By-Laws:

Article A - would amend the Waterfront Overlay District, Subsection 18.500, by making the parking requirements for Waterfront Overlay District uses, the same as in the underlying newly adopted Village Business District.

Article B - would amend Section 16, Off-Street Parking Regulations, to allow repaving a parking facility without an off-street parking plan.

Article C - would amend Section 16, Off-Street Parking Regulations, to allow 2 or less medical practitioners the ability to have less required off-street parking.

Article D - would amend the Limited Industrial District, Section 14.402, to increase the maximum height limit from 35' to 50' and 60' and change the Special Permit for height increase above 60' from the Board of Appeals to the Planning Board.

Three Planning Board members and Planning staff were present. Mr. Larrivee and Mrs. Miller were unable to attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Haran, and unanimously voted (3-0), to waive the reading of the legal notice, which appeared in The Chronicle on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, and again on Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

The Planning Director stated that legal notice was sent on March 22, 2010 to SRPEDD/SEED; DHCD Municipal Zoning and Land Use; the Planning Board's of Fall River, Westport, Freetown, Gosnold, and New Bedford; various Town Boards and posted in the Town Office Building.

¹ For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of April 12, 2010

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Mr. Perry noted that Article A would amend Section 18 – Waterfront Overlay District to be consistent with the parking standard in the newly adopted Village Business District. He also mentioned Article B was a citizen's petition, Article C has been withdrawn, and Article D was also a citizen's petition.

Since there was no one present this evening to comment on these articles, the Chairman recommended the Board close this evening's public hearing and shift to the Planning Board's Report with Recommendation to Town Meeting on zoning articles.

A motion was made by Mr. Toomey, duly seconded by Mr. Haran, and unanimously voted to (3-0), to close the public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments at 7:23 p.m. and return to the Planning Board's regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture
Planning Aide