

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF JULY 9, 2012
Request for a Special Permit to Allow Food Service from a Food Trailer
375 Faunce Corner Road, VF Factory Outlet Mall
7:15 p.m., Room #315, Town Office Building, 400 Slocum Road

Planning Board Members

Mr. Joel Avila, Chairman
Mr. Joseph E. Toomey, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mrs. Lorri-Ann Miller, Clerk
Mr. John V. Sousa
Mr. Stanley M. Mickelson

Planning Staff

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

The Chairman opened at 7:17 p.m. the public hearing¹ concerning a request for a Special Permit under Section 14A.304 of the Dartmouth Zoning Bylaws by Garry Medeiros, 24 Maplecrest Drive, Dartmouth, MA 02747 to allow the use of food service from a concession food trailer located in a designated area of the existing parking lot, for property located at 375 Faunce Corner Road (Assessor's Map 63, Lot 16) and known as the VF Factory Outlet Mall.

All Planning Board members and Planning staff were present.

The Chairman provided procedural information for the general public.

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, seconded by Mr. Mickelson for discussion, and unanimously voted (5-0), to waive the reading of the legal notice, which appeared in The Chronicle on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, and again on Wednesday, June 27, 2012.

The Planning Director stated the application was officially time stamped in the Town Clerk's office on June 14, 2012 which begins the timeline for action by the Planning Board on this proposal. Mr. Perry then proceeded to read the following documentation into the record:

- Application for a Special Permit – Section 14A.304 Concession Food Trailer for Vanity Fair, 375 Faunce Corner Road
- Letter from Garry Medeiros, no date
- Dartmouth Zoning Bylaws – wording of Section 14A.304 Convenience Retail, Restaurants, and Services

The Chairman asked proponents to speak.

¹ For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of July 9, 2012

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The applicant, Garry Medeiros, provided an overview of the proposal. He said this is a business venture with his partner, Robert Porell, to provide food and beverage service to employees and customers of the Vanity Fair Factory Outlet from a concession food trailer. Mr. Medeiros noted there is a need for this type of service in this area of Town.

The Chairman asked for comments and/or questions from the public.

There were none.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Medeiros responding to numerous comments and questions from Planning Board members concerning amenities provided in the truck, trash collection, Board of Health requirements and inspections, outside seating, limiting of decorative signage, and appropriate length of time for the Special Permit approval.

Prior to closing this evening's public hearing, the Planning Director proceeded to identify for clarity all the recommended conditions of approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, duly seconded by Mr. Mickelson, and unanimously voted (5-0) to close this evening's public hearing by roll call vote at 7:52 p.m.

Stanley Mickelson – yes; John Sousa – yes; Lorri-Ann Miller – yes; Joseph Toomey, Jr. – yes; Joel Avila – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture
Planning Aide