

**MINOR PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
December 3, 2013 at 1:30 PM
TOWN HALL, 41 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

In attendance:

Members: Vicki Smith (Chair), William Desch, Ryan Borkowski, Don Ware, Jery Frankenfield

Others: Nancy Collier, Perry Seale, David Laurin

MINUTES: The minutes of November 5, 2013 were reviewed. They were approved as submitted on a motion by Ryan Borkowski and a second by Jery Frankenfield. Don Ware abstained from the vote.

P2013-49 Submission of Application for Minor Project Review by Hypertherm, Incorporated to install an overhead door, driveway, rooftop mechanicals, windows and siding, remove portion of berm, construct concrete retaining walls, and replace an overhead door at 21 Great Hollow Road, Tax Map 1, Lot 20, in the “BM” and “NP” zoning districts.

This is a minor project as described in Section VI C 1b, changes in the grading or required landscaping of an area and changes to vehicular access to a site.

Perry Seale described the project and the reasons for the new overhead door, the paved apron, the exterior lights, new windows, siding and roof top fans and exhaust stacks for venting the cutting tables in the new lab space. The roof top fans’ noise is directed up. At the outlet, the manufacturer rates the fan noise at 55 dbA and 67 dbA. At the property line, these noise levels would be much diminished.

Ryan has worked with the applicants so had no concerns or questions. Don Ware wanted to know if there would be additional sprinkler heads. Perry thought that there might be. As part of the certificate of compliance a head count will be done and the appropriate changes to billing made.

Jery Frankenfield wanted to know in more detail about the hydrogen gas handling and storage, and the air exchange rates in the labs. He is certain that a different emergency response plan will need to be developed for these labs. He wanted to be sure that he would have an opportunity to meet with the applicants prior to issuance of a building permit in order to understand the safety systems in place.

Vicki asked about the outlet for the new trench drain and what would be carried by that drainage system. No trucks will actually access the new door. A fork lift or rigger will be unloading and delivering materials via those doors. William Desch did not have concerns because no new landscaping is proposed.

Nancy Collier had questions about the exhaust fans and what was coming out of the stacks. She was interested to learn about the extensive filtering, monitoring and testing of the emissions and that the State reviewed the emissions. Perry Seale thought that the new stacks and fans would be more environmentally friendly and be less noisy. The new stacks are the same height as the old stacks and will be further from the road than the existing stacks.

The Committee decided that they had enough information to make a decision. Jerry made a motion that the Committee find that the application was complete. The motion was seconded by Ryan and unanimously approved.

William Desch made a motion to approve the application since it conforms with the standards in Article IX. Don Ware seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Smith, Chair & Scribe