

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing
Shields General Store Alterations / 682 Main Street
April 3, 2013**

8:15 Public Hearing – Shields General Store, Alter Premise, 682 Main Street

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to open the public hearing for Shields General Store at 682 Main Street to Alter the Premises. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

David DeCoste read the Legal Notice into the Minutes.

Present: William Shields, proprietor of Shields General Store located at 682 Main Street, presented the following information regarding the business:

- Purchased business 3 years ago from Drums General Store.
- Had been renting part of the building from Geoff Gordon.
- Has recently purchased entire building from Geoff Gordon.
- Shields has new counters and shelving and has replaced carpets with hardwood
- Walls are the same, coolers are the same, freezers are the same.
- Since building was purchased, Shields has separated the general goods from the alcohol.
- Replacing inefficient 35 year old cooler; would like to replace with the same 15 doors.
- Continues to provide convenience items (milk, ice cream).
- Has increased the wine racks.
- All current employees are TIPS trained; new ones are scheduled to be trained April 21st.

Gregg McBride stated that when requests come in for this type of renovation, applicant should provide a clear written plan of the work to be done and that the approval should be sought before the alterations are made. Gregg also stated that there are 8 shelves of liquor not counting the wine, an increase from before the alterations.

No Comments from the Audience

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve the alterations to the premises of Shields General Store located at 682 Main Street. Seconded and voted in favor 2-1. Gregg McBride voted against.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.



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