

## SEEKONK PLANNING BOARD

### Regular Meeting

May 5, 2015

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Present: Ch. Abelson, M. Bourque, R. Bennett, S. Foulkes, D. Sullivan, L. Dunn

7:03PM Ch. Abelson opened the meeting

### **Site Plan Review - Swan Brook 1530 Fall River Avenue:**

Bob Berube (Engineer for the applicant) Mr. Berube explained that at the previous meeting, the Planning Board was concerned about the flow of fire apparatus through the facility. Changes were made to the site plan utilizing an AutoCAD program. The plan was designed utilizing the dimensions for a ladder truck ½ foot large than the ladder truck that the Fire Department currently has on order, which is approximately 42.5'. The engineer also adjusted the parking spaces allowing for a smoother radius and angled parking. MassDOT recommends a 13' lane of travel if there is two-way traffic; the proposed plan has a 15' travel lane with no curbing. Mr. Berube believes there is plenty of room, especially with the angled parking. The lighting plan meets all the concerns.

D. Sullivan Voiced concern that patrons might park in the travel lane and it should be marked "no parking".

Mark Shane Stated that it could be marked as it is a fire lane anyway.

Ch. Abelson Those were the last two things we were concerned about.

M. Shane Advised the Board that the site contains a total of 38 regular spaces; 7 handicapped and 2 loading spaces. Mr. Shane also mentioned that he might be back in the future to increase parking if necessary.

**R. Bennett made a motion, M. Bourque seconded, and it was unanimously voted to approve the Swan Brook Site Plan with the stipulation that the Board receives a letter stating that the project is still on-going.**

### **Discussion:**

Ch. Abelson Advised the Board members about some settling of the road at Jacob Hill Estates/Palmer River Road. Ch. Abelson stated that Matt Antonio, the developer, has been required to submit plans for a solution to fix the depressions in the road;

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they will need to cut the road, dig down and repack the depressed areas but the developer is required to propose a solution.

Ch. Abelson Updated the Board on the status of hiring a new Town Planner; the background check is still in the process of completion and it will probably be June when the new Town Planner starts.

D. Sullivan Voiced concern that we have lost almost our entire office staff in a matter of weeks.

Ch. Abelson Agreed that the Planning Department is overwhelmed with the workload and lack of staff.

Ch. Abelson Mentioned that the Town Administrator's office has 4 talent bank forms from potential candidates to fill David Viera's vacant seat on the Planning Board. The Planning Board will be provided with information regarding the candidates in the near future.

**SRPEDD Update:**

Lee Dunn Updated the Board on her recent SRPEDD meeting. SRPEDD supplied data regarding the response time of fire trucks in Seekonk from the Fire Station on Route 44 and the new Banna Fire Station.

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Christina Testa, Secretary