

Palmer Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2019

I. Call To Order

Chairman Michael Marciniac called the meeting to order at 7:08PM on Monday, January 7, 2019, in the Town Administrative Building, Meeting Room. Present were members Norm Czech, Paul Burns-Johnson, Kathy Burns and Tom Skowyra. Also present was Town Planner, Linda Leduc, and Gillian Davis recording minutes.

II. Public Hearing

7:00PM BWC Dumplin Brook LLC, L22 Sykes Street, Continued from November 26, 2018.

M. Marciniac opened the meeting by reading a letter from Attorney Tom Reidy of Bacon and Wilson, requesting a continuance.

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of request by N. Czech, seconded by K. Burns. The motion passed (5:0).

A motion to continue the public hearing to February 25, 2019, at 7:00pm was made by N. Czech, seconded by T. Skowyra. The motion passed (5:0).

III. New Business

Gravel Inspection Reports

The Board reviewed and discussed the gravel inspection reports provided by John Furman of vhb, who was not present.

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of gravel reports by N. Czech, seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. The motion passed (5:0).

Vhb Peer Review memo by Jason Ross

M. Marciniac explained Jason Ross, P.E., Director of Noise and Vibration of vhb, reviewed the November 1, 2018, sound study report prepared by RSG which presents the findings of sound measurements conducted during the PMP racing event on September 8, 2018.

M. Marciniac then updated the Board on the ongoing litigation with Palmer Motorsports Park.

Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2018

A motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended was made by K. Burns, seconded by T. Skowyra. The motion passed (4:0:1) N. Czech abstained.

7:30 PM- BWC Swift River, LLC, 3090 Palmer Road, Continued from November 26, 2018.

M. Marciniac opened the meeting by reading a letter from Attorney Tom Reidy of Bacon and Wilson, requesting a continuance.

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of request by N. Czech, seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. The motion passed (5:0).

A motion to continue the public hearing to February 25, 2019, at 7:15pm was made by N. Czech, seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. The motion passed (5:0).

Abutting Town Notices were distributed.

Monthly Interest Allocation Report

G. Davis went over the Interest Allocation report and distributed a list of what is to be returned to applicants and what is going into the general fund.

A motion was made the acknowledge receipt by P. Burns-Johnson, seconded by T. Skowyra. The motion passed (5:0).

IV. Old Business

Quaker Lane Update

M. Marciniac stated a letter was submitted by Sherman and Frydryk, LLC, on December 12, 2018, responding to vhb's peer review memo dated, November 26, 2018.

The Board conferred that the site is still not in compliance with the site plan and has become a hazardous area.

The Board stated the response letter shall be forwarded to John Furman of vhb, for comment. The Board will not act on the continuation request until the site is in compliance and all hazardous situations are repaired and safety issues are addressed.

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of response letter from Sherman and Frydryk and to create a letter addressing the safety issues by N. Czech, seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. The motion passed (5:0).

II. Public Hearing

8:00 PM- Palmer Motorsports Park – Amendment to Condition #10, Continued from September 24th and November 26th.

M. Marciniac read the request for a continuance submitted by Fred Ferguson, dated January 7, 2019.

A motion to acknowledge receipt of continuation request was made by N. Czech, seconded by K. Burns. The motion passed (5:0).

A motion to continue the public hearing on March 25, 2019, at 7:00PM, was made by N. Czech, seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. The motion passed (5:0).

IV Old Business

Knox Pond Construction Report #134

A motion to approve the Knox Pond Construction Report #134 was made by K. Burns, seconded by N. Czech. The motion passed (5:0).

Town Planner Update:


L. Leduc went over Mass DOT East-West Passenger Rail Study meeting summary from Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

P. Burns-Johnson explained that he has been appointed to the Palmer Rail Steering Committee, which will meet later in the week, January 10, 2019.

L. Leduc explained to the Board, she is working on applying for DLTA funding to gather data specifically in the Village Center district.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm was made by K. Burns, seconded by T. Skowyra. The motion passed (5:0).



Kathleen Burns, Clerk