

Palmer Planning Board
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 5th, 2021

I. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Marciniac called the meeting to order at 7:00PM on Monday, April 5th, 2021, virtually via Zoom. Present were members Kathy Burns, Norm Czech and Jeff Florence. Tom Skowyrza was absent. Also present were Town Planner Linda Leduc and her Administrative Assistant Rebekah Wright recording minutes.

II. Public Hearings:

7:00 pm: RDL Associates, LLC

7:30 pm: Hector Quiles-61 French Drive- Finding

8:00 pm: Sherwood Lumber- Continued from 3/15/21

III. New Business:

- Minor Amendment: Adaptas Updated Landscaping Plan
- Meeting Minutes: 3/15/21
- Abutting Town Notices
- Interest Allocation Reports

IV. Old Business:

- Master Plan Update

V. Town Planner Update: Master Plan Update

Public Hearing: RDL Associates, LLC:

Town Planner L. Leduc read the public hearing notice.

Present on behalf of RDL were Don Frydryk, of Sherman and Frydryk and Mark Gomes, of Gomes Construction.

D. Frydryk presented the project. He stated that Cell #1 is the 2019 operating area and Cell #2 is 2020 operating area. The total operating area is 4.4 acres.

He then stated that as far as traffic is concerned, it is the same as previous years with about 10 to 15 trucks a day average.

He then explained the three waivers that are being requested are:

1. **§11.7 (i)** Borings and Permanent Wells
2. **§171.29 D 4 (h) [1]** Separate Landscape Plan
3. **§11.8.2.b** to Allow Existing Buffers

John Furman of VHB, went over his memo dated 3/15/21.

He stated that there during the inspections throughout the year it seems as though not much work for eradicating invasive species was done.

There was then discussion regarding invasives.

J. Furman continued to go over his memo. He noted that the slope which is supposed to be 3:1, seemed steeper in certain areas.

After discussion it was stated that a condition will be to provide treatment for invasive species removal in 2021 and a report from Vegetation Control Services will be submitted within 14 days of filing.

A motion to support the requested waivers was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

A motion to continue the Stormwater Permit was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

A motion to grant the Special Permit/Site Plan Approval was made by N. Czech, seconded by K. Burns. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

Public Hearing: Hector Quiles- 61 French Drive- Finding:

Town Planner L. Leduc read the public hearing notice.

Applicant Hector Quiles briefly explained his project.

Abutter Dave Golden of Faragon Ave, stated that his neighborhood is in full approval of project.

N. Czech made a motion to approve the finding. K. Burns seconded. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

Minutes: 3/15/21

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by J. Florence, seconded by N. Czech. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

Town Planner Update: Master Plan Update:

L. Leduc stated as far as the Master Plan there are no new updates at this time.

Abutting Town Notices and Interest Allocation Report were distributed to the Board previously via E-mail.

Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for 4/26- no public hearings are scheduled.

Public Hearing: Sherwood Lumber- Continued from 3/15/21

Representing Sherwood Lumber was Luke Showalter of Furrow Engineering. He went over changes since last meeting. He discussed landscape plan that was submitted. As far as the trees in the front that were cut down, white pines will be replanted. He also stated that they have rerouted utilities to avoid vegetative buffer.

J. Furman went over his memo (second review) dated March 26th, 2021.

L. Leduc stated that the Planning Department needs hard copies of the Approved Plan Set and Stormwater Management Report.

A motion to support the requested waiver (soil testing data) was made by N. Czech, seconded by K. Burns. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

A motion to grant the Special Permit in the Water Supply Protection District was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

A motion to grant the Stormwater Permit was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

A motion to grant the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

Minor Amendment: Adaptas Landscape Plan

Jay Ray of Adaptas was present on his own behalf. Graphics were presented to the board depicting proposed changes. He stated that there are two trees that will be removed, and some minor trimming will be done by National Grid.

It was stated that any signage will need approval by the Building Department.

It was also stated that once project is complete, photos will need to be sent within 3 weeks' time.

A motion to approve the minor amendment to landscape plan was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm was made by K. Burns, seconded by N. Czech. The motion passed 4:0 via roll call vote.

Kathleen Burns, Clerk