

Palmer Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016

I Call to order

Chairman Michael Marciniec called the meeting to order at 7:00PM on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Town Administration Building Meeting Room. Present were Norman Czech, Paul Burns-Johnson, Kathleen Burns and Thomas Skowyra. Also present was Town Planner, Linda Leduc, and Nicole Parker, recording minutes.

II Old Business

Continuance

Palmer Paving Gravel Operation Continued from July 25, 2016 & August 15, 2016

Present was applicant Mike Shea and his engineer, Donald Frydryk, of Sherman and Frydryk Engineering.

D.Frydryk presented the updates for the applicant. Updated plans and cross sections were presented on August 10, 2016. It was stated that three additional wells have been installed. One more was going in today. Well data was being drafted and would be provided when available. It was stated that the closest groundwater separation would be 14 feet.

Bill Miller, Hydrologist and Director of Environmental Services, submitted a memo dated September 9, 2016.

In his professional opinion, he stated no negative impact will occur with a 14' separation of groundwater. The biggest potential for impact would be fine sands but he believes they will filter through sand before it hits the groundwater.

The applicant stated that they are doing electronic measuring to confirm ground water elevation. D.Frydryk stated that he will add cross sections from the hydrology assessment to current plans.

J.Furman stated that he spoke with his hydrology consultant and the concern was not necessarily over the removal but the fish hatchery water temperature. He will have the consultant review all of the new information and provide comment at the next meeting. The Board discussed releasing information received by vhb to the fish hatchery which should be submitted by September 19, 2016.

There was also discussion over whether the 50' buffer has been disturbed. It was recommended that the Board conduct a site visit to look at buffer. Mike Shea stated that he would gladly escort anyone that wanted to go up there.

Motion was made to continue hearing to October 3, 2016 at 7:00PM by K.Burns. Seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. Motion passed (5:0)

III New Business

7:30PM Finding

The applicant, Donna M. Bys, is seeking a Finding under section 171.83K for the alteration of a pre-existing, non- conforming structure on the property located 1525 North Main Street, Palmer, MA. The applicant is proposing to reconstruct a new, 24 square foot non illuminated, double sided, pylon ground sign in the same space as the previous sign. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 61, Parcel 69.

Present was the applicant Donna Bys and her husband, Chester Bys. They provided a narrative and went over their proposal. They stated that they have a home care business. The sign will be going in the same spot as the previous sign. Access to the site is off of Rockview Street.

The Board noticed on the sign renderings that the address said West Main Street and not North Main Street. The applicant stated that she would have a new rendering made and submit to the Board.

Motion was made to grant Finding by N.Czech. Seconded by P. Burns-Johnson. Motion passed (5:0)

RSG Report

The Board was in receipt of the report conducted by RSG on behalf of PMP.

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt by N.Czech. Seconded by P.Burns-Johnson. Motion passed (5:0)

Enforcement Orders, Conservation Commission

The Board was in receipt of an enforcement order from the conservation commission that was placed on the solar project on Peterson Road.

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt by N.Czech. Seconded by T.Skowyra. Motion passed (5:0)

Minutes:

July 11, 2016

Motion was made to approve minutes by N.Czech. Seconded by T.Skowyra. Motion passed (3:0:2)
Burns, Burns-Johnson

July 18, 2016

Motion was made to approve minutes as amended by N.Czech. Seconded by P. Burns-Johnson.
Motion passed (4:0:1) Skowyra

July 25, 2016

Motion was made to approve minutes as amended by N.Czech. Seconded by K.Burns. Motion
passed (5:0)

August 15, 2016

Motion was made to approve minutes as amended by N.Czech. Seconded by K.Burns. Motion
passed (5:0)

Interest Allocation Report

July and August reports were distributed to the Board for their review.

IV Town Planner Update

Complete Streets Policy was distributed to the Board and discussed. L.Leduc distributed a complete
streets policy that was drafted from PVPC for them to go through to discuss at the next meeting.
The Board needs to recommend the adoption to the Town Council.

V Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:00PM by N.Czech. Seconded by T.Skowyra. Motion passed (5:0)

Kathleen Burns, Clerk