

NEEDHAM PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

October 2, 2017

The meeting of the Planning Board held in the Highland Room, Town Hall, was called to order by Ted Owens, Chairman, on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. with Messrs. Jacobs and Alpert and Mmes. Grimes and McKnight, as well as Acting Assistant Town Planner, Daphne Collins.

1. Correspondence

Mr. Owens opened the discussion regarding a letter and attachments from Mr. Ron Ruth about the parking and traffic calculations for the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital- Needham Addition and Walkway. The letter was received after the closing of the public hearing. Mr. Owen and Ms. Grimes noted that Mr. Ruth was knowledgeable about Public Hearing protocols, was in receipt of the public notice and attended neighborhood meetings about the project.

Mr. Jacobs thought the points raised in the letter were valid. Mr. Alpert indicated that public comments are not received by the Board after the closing of a public hearing. Mr. Jacobs noted that there have been occasions when public hearings were reopened.

The Board agreed to take up the matter at the Board meeting of October 10, 2017.

2. ANR Plan – Robert J. Roach and Noel Watson, Petitioners, (Property located at 1600 Central Avenue and 29 Carleton Drive).

Ms. Collins reported that Mr. Watson and Mr. Roach submitted a letter to withdraw their ANR application because of ambiguities in their application. Prior to submitting a complete application with the Planning office, Field Resources had filed the application with the Town Clerk triggering the PB's 21 day review period. That 21 day review period would expire on October 9, prior to the Planning Board meeting. In addition, when Ms. Collins reviewed the Clerk files only one property was date stamped exacerbating the ambiguous application.

Mr. Alpert informed the Board that a Registry of Deeds search on the properties indicated name inconsistencies from those on the ANR application.

Ms. Grimes and Ms. McKnight suggested that the application be on one application form for both properties.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Alpert, and seconded by Mr. Jacobs, it was by the five members present unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the letter of withdraw for the ANR application from Robert J. Roach and Noel Watson for properties located at 1600 Central Avenue and 29 Carleton Drive

3. Discuss Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Mr. Alpert gave a brief overview of his presentation on Article 8 and 9, reflected on the Power Point presentation on the issue. The Board suggested that he state in his conclusion that: *"The Planning Board recommends adoption of Articles 8 and 9."*

Ms. Grimes volunteered to articulate her vote in opposition to Article 8 & 9 if questions regarding the 4-1 vote were brought up.

4. Minutes.

Ms. McKnight reported that she submitted her edits on Friday on the latest set of minutes.

5. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, and seconded by Ms. Grimes, it was by the five members present unanimously:

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne M. Collins, Acting Assistant Town Planner



Paul Alpert, Vice-Chairman and Clerk