

NEEDHAM PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the Planning Board held in The Highland Room, Needham Town Hall, was called to order by Ted Owens, Chairman, on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. with Messrs. Alpert and Jacobs and Mmes. Grimes and McKnight, as well as Planning Director, Ms. Newman.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Discuss Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Ms. Newman noted there will be a motion to amend. She emailed copies of the guide and the power point presentation to all members. She sent the Town Moderator an email to let him know who would be speaking on the articles and a description of the guide. She also noted the Planning Board voted to withdraw the Articles in the Special.

Minutes

There were no minutes.

Board of Appeals 5/17/18

238 Highland Avenue.

Mr. Owens stated this is continued. Ms. Newman noted the Board already responded to this but John Schneider wrote a follow up letter with clarifying information and asking for comments. The Planning Board had commented the parents should not go into the school to take their children in. Someone from the school should come out and get the children. It was noted everything was addressed in his letter. Ms. McKnight noted there were letters of support from parents. Some of the letters said they pick their children up at 6:00 p.m. after their program. The original permit said the program ends at 4:00 p.m. She asked why the parents are picking up at 6:00 p.m. when the program ends at 4:00 p.m. The applicant needs to apply for that if that is the case.

145 Rosemary Street.

Ms. McKnight stated she lives across the street and received the notice. She has no comments.

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

VOTED: "No comment."

123 Elmwood Road.

This is regards to storm water run off. Ms. McKnight feels the Board should not comment.

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

VOTED: "No comment."

Report from Planning Director.

Ms. Newman stated she has nothing to add other than what was already said. Mr. Owens stated the next real meeting is 5/22/18. He feels the Board should reorganize before adjourning on 5/16/18 so time is not spent on 5/22 reorganizing. Ms. Newman noted the Board could do it on 5/14/18 and make it effective at the end of the meeting. The Board cannot change who is Chairman during Town Meeting. Ms. Newman explained the possible police and fire hearings scheduled for the 5/22/18 meeting. Mr. Alpert stated he consulted with Town Counsel David Tobin regarding the Temple project. He is an abutter and received the notice so he consulted with Town Counsel about his participation. He then consulted with a colleague who told him to recuse himself if he had any doubt. He will recuse himself from the Fire Station 2 hearing and will speak with Town Counsel Tobin again about other portions of the projects and if he should recuse himself from Fire Station 1.

The Board recessed to go to Town Meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna J. Kalinowski, Notetaker



Paul S. Alpert, Vice-Chairman and Clerk