

APPROVED

PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2016
9 School Street,
Amesbury @ 7:00 PM

Present: Ted Semesnyei ,Vice Chair in charge tonight, Lorri Krebs, Scott Mandeville, Karen Solstad.

Absent: David Frick, Robert Laplante and Lars Johannessen

Also Present: Nipun Jain, Planner, Meeting taped by Barbara Foley, transcribed by Paul Bibaud.

MINUTES: March 14, 2016 and April 11, 2016 - Continued to May 9, 2016 meeting.

SIGN APPLICATION:

Our Neighbors Table, 194 Main Street, Amesbury, MA

Representative: Jason Kahn /The Sign Center

Nipun Jain: The application has been revised per the recommendations of the sign subcommittee. What you have before you is a reflection of the recommendations.

Scott Mandeville: I just had one comment here, as far as orientation. I thought that Main Street side, it might be a little too high up on the wall.

Nipun Jain: We can't put it in the center of the panel because it would be too low. If it goes up, then it causes a break in the panel. It's better here to keep it in line better.

Scott Mandeville: I think if you centered it, it would still be a good 3 feet up from the ground.

Nipun Jain: I suggest you approve it as is. We've talked about it a lot.

Representative from the Sign Center and a person from Our Neighbors Table (names garbled). We're flexible on this. There is no icon on the parking lot side, so there is no balancing. There are multiple opinions.

Motion was made by Scott Mandeville to accept the Sign application as is. Motion was seconded by Lorri Krebs. AIF.

CON'T. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

103-107 Macy Street - Amesbury Chevrolet

Representative: W.C. Cammett Engineering

Nipun Jain: At this time, there are only 5 sitting members, and of them only two are present. So we have to continue this site plan hearing to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Scott Mandeville to continue this to the next meeting on May 9, 2016. Motion was seconded by Karen Solstad. AIF.

APPROVED

CON'T. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

77 ELM STREET - DAVID MARTIN- SITE PLAN AND 2 SPECIAL PERMITS

REPRESENTATIVE: Nick Cracknell

Nipun Jain: I recommend that you only open the site plan public hearing, because you don't have enough members for the Special Permit.

Motion was made by Scott Mandeville to move the Special Permit portion of 77 Elm Street to May 9, 2016 meeting. Motion was seconded by Lorri Krebs. AIF.

Open continued public hearing for the site plan portion only.

Nipun Jain: The applicant, since the last meeting and the board's consultant were working out the few remaining items re: performance standards. Utilities and traffic were discussed last meeting. Police are satisfied and have no concerns with the project with the proposed improvements. The second issue was related to the electrical and utility connections to 79 Elm Street. The applicant and abutter have had discussions and looking to resolve this. The city has nothing to say because it does not control this as it is a private utility service. We have some adjustments on the site plan that I passed out to you. First are the list of waivers, and the next two pages are the summary about the minor improvements to the plan that need to be made. The representative told me they will make those improvements as well. There are no outstanding issues from the city.

Nick Cracknell: I would add that there has been an agreement in principle between the two parties as to some of those legal documents that were referenced in the common letter to planner, etc. with regards to temporary construction easements, permanent use and access in utility relocation plans. I believe documentation has been submitted to us and to the city outlining that agreement in principle. When we return next Monday to go over Special Permits, then we'll see that the agreement is accepted in one document.

Alan Grossman, representing 77 Elm: The major issue at our meetings had to do with taking down of that utility pole and putting in a transformer. It was decided by Mr. Sandler and a representative from National Grid. They were satisfied with the decisions made.

Nipun Jain: The PLB cannot make any stipulations, re: electricity.

Motion was made by Karen Solstad to approve site plan review for 77 Elm Street and Fruit Place. Motion was seconded by Lorri Krebs. AIF.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:33 p.m. by Scott Mandeville, seconded by Lorri Krebs. AIF.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.