



# *Town of Southwick*

## **Planning Board**

### **MINUTES**



**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Doherty, Chair  
Marcus Phelps, Vice Chair  
Richard Utzinger  
David Sutton  
David Spina  
Jessica Thornton, Associate  
Alan Slessler, Town Planner

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Doherty. He stated that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting.

**PLANNER'S REPORT:** 7:00 P.M.

1. Met with SelectBoard member Mr. Moglin, Chief Administrator Mr. Steinhart and Representatives from the Western Mass. Development to review a potential warehouse proposal for the Griffin Land on College Highway.
2. Talked to Mr. Ron Green who is the interested party about the use of property on 642 College Highway (former Tree 413 and Auto Repair). He is interested moving his gun sales, motor vehicle inspection and detailing business from Industrial Road to College Highway.
3. Town Council wants to know if someone is interested in attending the Massachusetts Municipal Association scheduled on January 18 and 19 in Boston.
4. Responded to many calls regarding the Greens West home sites and three acres of commercial lot owned by DePalma Hill Side Development.
5. Craby Joe's at 141 Congamond Road is looking to transfer the liquor license permit to a new owner. The site plan shows 84 parking spaces. Sixty six parking spaces are required plus ten for employees.
6. Someone is interested in the Old Library to be a wine and cheese store. They would have to make an agreement for shared parking since there are not enough existing parking spaces on the site.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 7:05 p.m.

There were no public comments.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15 p.m. 27 Hudson Drive

Continued Public Hearing

Mr. Doherty read a letter from the applicant requesting the Public Hearing be continued to February 5, 2019.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Utzinger to continue the Public Hearing for 13 Hudson Drive to February 5, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m. 642 College Highway Discussion

Ron Green is proposing to move the sale of firearms to 642 College Highway in the Business Restricted zone (BR). He also indicated that he plans to repair, store and sell boats. Mr. Slessler said he told Mr. Green to come and talked to the Board and he did not show up at the meeting. He showed the map of the property showing the location of the two existing buildings. The applicant has indicated he plans to purchase both buildings. The parcel is 2.12 acres. Mr. Doherty said the Board might want to think if they wanted College Highway to appear as a used car lot. He said they might not want several gun shops on College Highway. Mr. Slessler said that there are two shops in Southwick that sell guns. The Board discussed how the proposed business would fit on the site.

7:45p.m. 141 Congamond Site Plan Approval

Mark O'Neill of Suffield wants to renew the Liquor License for 141 Congamond Road which he plans to purchase. The property is over an acre and one half. The Board reviewed the plan to check out the number of parking spaces. Mr. O'Neil said he plans on making no changes to the building footprint. He said they plan to pave the parking lot. He said the Building Inspector said it was fine. Mr. Slessler said he is authorized to have 166 customers in the building. He said there are 84 parking spaces shown on the plan. He said he has more parking spaces than is required. They reviewed the size of the parking spaces. Mr. O'Neil said he would have an as built ready probably by Spring. The Board reviewed the plan.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

8:00 P.M. Minutes

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sutton and seconded by Mr. Phelps to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Sutton to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Michael Doherty \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Marcus Phelps \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Chair

Richard Utzinger \_\_\_\_\_

David Sutton \_\_\_\_\_

David Spina \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Thornton \_\_\_\_\_  
Associate member

Respectfully submitted,  
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