

Planning Board Public Hearing
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Planning Board - Public Hearing
Longmeadow High School – Meeting Room A15
535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Present: Ken Taylor; Don Holland, Chair; Walter Gunn, Clerk; and Bruce Colton.

Absent: Heather Laporte

Also Present: Stephen Crane, and Michael Pritchard (via speaker phone).

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Don Holland.

The Longmeadow Planning Board held a public hearing for the proposed new Department of Public Works (DPW) facility to be located at 170 Dwight Rd. and noted as case number 20180103-4. Mr Gunn read the public notice, as published into the record. This hearing was a rescheduled meeting from February 7th.

Mr. Holland stated that two communications had been received: Marie Angelides, in favor of the project and an abutter, who requested that the western end of the site should have noise abatement. Stephen Crane commented that an arbor vitae hedge would be added for sound and visual purposes.

Mr Crane made a presentation referring to site plan documents presented in December that were also present at tonight's meeting. As the design was finalized, the site plan was "somewhat" revised from what was presented in December as shown on the AV screen. The building location was still the same, the salt shed was moved closer to the building, the fuel island moved closer to the building, and pavement areas were reduced to save money. Mr. Crane requested from the Board conditional approval tonight and that a final site plan will be submitted before construction begins. Mr. Pritchard confirmed Mr. Crane's request is an industry standard for procedure. Revised site plans would be submitted with a narrative. Mr. Gunn questioned if conditional approval could lead to extreme revisions. Mr. Pritchard assured this would not happen. Bruce Colton responded that the plan presented tonight and voted on would be the only plan the town can build on. Plans could later be amended as needed and approved by the Board and deemed minor tweaks or extreme revisions would require a new review hearing. Mr. Crane acknowledged that he would forward a copy to the Board of the email presented at the meeting referencing the minor changes to the plan presented. Mr Crane asked for approval of the plans as submitted in December and the town would apply for an amendment.

Mr Gunn noted that correspondence had been received from the Board from the town Engineer and Board of Health Mr. Gunn asked Mr. Crane if other town departments had weighed in on the site plan. Mr. Crane stated if any, they would have been directed to the

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Board. It was assumed that no comments were deemed an “affirmation” of the project. Comments from Andrew Krar, Town Engineer, regarding site drainage had been addressed. Beverly Hirshorn, Board of Health noted, in writing, that BOH members were satisfied and that other concerns of the BOH would be handled by the Conservation Commission and Building Commissioner. Mr Crane commented that he was pleased that town departments had been intimately involved in the design process resulting in few or no comments at tonight’s meeting.

Don Holland opened the hearing to visitor comments.

There were no comments.

Donald Holland made a motion to close the public hearing. Bruce Colton motioned and Ken Taylor seconded. The motion carried 4:0. The meeting was closed at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gunn