

Present: Tom Failla, Chairman; Jane Connolly, Vice chairman; Don Saltzman, Ken Edgar, Britta Lerner, Sally Korsh Absent: Jim Carlon

Also present: Land Use Director

Meeting on digital recording dated 6/16/14

**RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: MODIFICATION OF THE 12/17/07 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR EMMANUEL CHURCH OF WESTON, 285 LYONS PLAINS ROAD, TO ALLOW SPEECH ACADEMY TO OCCUPY PART OF THE PARISH HOUSE (GEORGE GUIDERA, ATTORNEY)**

The Chairman passed out a copy of the application for each member to read. Attorney Guidera came forward and proceeded to give a history of the new Parish House since 2007. He also referred to the previous nursery school that went out of business and described the 2 room space on the first floor, which is now available for the proposed applicant, Speech Academy. The project has a temporary certificate of occupancy because the parking lot and landscaping needs to be completed.

A discussion followed to include commercial vs. private school in a place of worship, and complying with the zoning regulations for private schools.

Jane Connolly moved that the Commission receive the application for a Modification of the 12/17/14 special Permit for Emmanuel Church of Weston, 285 Lyons Plains Road to allow Speech Academy to occupy part of the Parish House. Seconded by Britta Lerner. Vote 6-0 – Jim Carlon absent.

The Commission discussed drafting a list of questions for Attorney Guidera regarding the application for the next meeting which will be a public hearing on July 7, 2014. Also the Commission members may walk the site independently if they wish.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Jane Connolly moved that the Commission approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 as edited by Tom Failla, Ken Edgar and Land Use Director. Seconded by Tom Failla. Vote in favor 4-0 Jim Carlon absent. Sally Korsh recused/absent from the 6/2/14 meeting and Ken Edgar recused from the stadium lighting section of the meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Tom Failla noted that the workshop planned with Town Attorney P. Sullivan is planned for sometime in September.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Approval: Approved on July 21, 2014

