

Present: Tom Failla, Chairman; Jane Connolly, Vice Chairman; Don Saltzman, Ken Edgar, Britta Lerner, Jim Carlon Absent: Sally Korsh  
Also present: Land Use Director  
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Special Meeting digitally recorded on 6/2/14

At 6:20 p.m. a site walk was led by Commission Chair Tom Failla and Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski. Commissioner's Jane Connolly and Britta Lerner attended. Commissioner Jim Carlon joined the group later. Several neighbors from Parade Ground Court and representatives of project proponents also walked with the group. Chairman Failla noted that the purpose of the walk was for the commissioners to observe the conditions in the field. The walk started at the parking lot in front of the intermediate school and then proceeded along the berm behind the school and over to the tennis courts and then the high school football field and track area. The location of the four lighting poles were staked and noted. The group also walked two abutting neighboring private properties (Porter and Schwartz) on Parade Ground Court (where permission has been granted by the property owners). Later, commissioners drove around to Parade Ground Court to observe the street area and several other properties including walking down a driveway to a property (Silverstein) south of the intermediate school.

The special meeting then adjourned to the Main Meeting Room in the Town Hall at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the remainder of the applications on the agenda.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION CONT: REFERRAL FROM ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:  
PATIO REQUEST FORM LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, COBB'S MILL INN, 12 OLD MILL  
ROAD (D. FRIEDMAN)**

In a continuation of the matter from the May 19 meeting Drew Friedman and wife Laura presented a request for approval of their petition to the state Liquor Control Division for a permit to serve liquor on outdoor patios at the Cobb's Mill Inn. Mr. Friedman presented material requested by the Commission at its previous meeting. The material was a 2007 approved patio permit and layout for two locations at the Inn. Don Saltzman asked whether Cobb's Mill is going to have amplified music on the patios. Mr. Friedman stated that he was not asking for any privileges beyond what he previously had. Discussion followed. After discussion, Mr. Friedman agreed to delete from the current request form the brick patio no. 3 in front of the Café, because that patio was not covered by the prior license, and no prior use of that patio for this purpose had been demonstrated.

Don Saltzman moved that the Commission approve the submission by Drew Friedman of Cobb's Mill Inn, amended, to serve liquor on the two patios as noted on the layout submitted with the 2007 application, eliminating patio no. 3 from the current application. Seconded by Ken Edgar. Vote in favor (6-0) Sally Korsh absent.

**DISCUSSION /DECISION CONT: REFERRAL FOR CGS SECTION 8-24 REPORT: PROPOSED  
FOOTBALL FIELD STADIUM LIGHTING, ADJACENT TO WESTON HIGH SCHOOL, 115  
SCHOOL ROAD (TOWN OF WESTON)  
7:45 p.m.**

Ken Edgar and Sally Korsh are recused from this application.

## STADIUM LIGHTING CONT:

Chairman Failla opened discussion noting the meeting was a continuation of an 8-24 referral for advisory report from the commission acting under its planning authority. He noted the commission would continue taking testimony and then close public comment so members could discuss the referral, make a decision and prepare a report. He invited First Selectman Gayle Weinstein to come forward. She presented as requested at May 19 meeting, a draft Memo of Understanding (MOU) to the Commission. The MOU was among the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Weston LaCrosse Club and Weston Football to provide guidelines for the construction of field lighting donated by privately raised funds and the operation of the lights. Ms Weinstein noted neighbors concerns were factored into the MOU but neighbors were not among the signators. She said that she has spoken with the neighbors and is forming a committee which shall consist of two neighbors who live within a 500 foot radius of the field (with preference given to abutting neighbors), one member of Parks & Recreation Commission, one member of the School Facilities Committee, and a member of the Board of Selectmen or its designee. This MOU shall remain in effect for 5 years unless the Lights Oversight Committee deems a review is necessary prior to 5 years.

The Commission members went over the Memo of Understanding in detail and asked questions of the First Selectman. A copy of the Memo of Understanding is in the file. A discussion followed.

The Chairman then opened up the meeting for those who wished to speak about the application for the proposed lighting. There were approximately forty people in attendance in the room. Eight people came to the table to give their comments, mostly neighbors from Parade Ground Court. They were requested to only give new information to their statements of the last meeting. A discussion followed.

9:15 p.m. Deliberations by the Commission members.

The Chairman noted that the task is to get a favorable or unfavorable advisory report to the Board of Selectmen within 35 days – June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be deemed approved if not delivered to the Board of Selectmen by that date. Jim Carlon noted that a Memo of Understanding has been drafted but is concerned about spillage of light and sound. Jane Connolly felt that taking everything into consideration it is a good use of Town property and need to look at the big picture and also take in good faith that they are going to help the neighbors. Britta Lerner felt it was a benefit to the Town. Don Saltzman also felt that they should look to the big picture and it will be a benefit to the Town to bring it together and grow. Tom Failla, Chairman appreciated the dialogue that has been presented. This is part of our community and shows that our Town is respectful of our neighbors.

Don Saltzman asked the Chair to take a sense of commissioners on whether they were ready to vote and all members present said they were and were in favor of a positive report.

## MOTION TO APPROVE:

Don Saltzman moved that the Commission forward a positive report to the Board of Selectmen based on their application for a CGS Section 8-24 Report approving the proposed football field stadium lighting and incorporating the application letter from the Selectmen as requested. Seconded by Jane Connolly. Vote in favor (5-0) Ken Edgar and Sally Korsh recused from this application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jane Connolly moved that the Commission approve the minutes of May 19, 2014 as edited by Ken Edgar, Tom Failla and Jane Connolly. Seconded by Britta Lerner. Vote in favor (4-0) Don Saltzman abstained as he was absent from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ken Edgar recused from the 8-24 referral and absent from this portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Approval: Minutes approved on June 16, 2014