

**HAVERHILL PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Place: City Council Chambers – Room #202 City Hall

Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Chairman Paul Howard
 Member Robert Driscoll
 Member Ismael Matias
 Member Karen Buckley
 Member Nate Robertson
 Member William Evans
 Member April DerBoghossian, Esq.
 Member Kenneth Cram

Members Absent: Member Karen Peugh

Also Present: William Pillsbury, Jr., Director of Economic Development and
 Planning
 Lori Robertson, Head Clerk

Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2021
June 9, 2021

After board consideration, Member Robert Driscoll motioned to approve the June 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Member Karen Buckley seconded the motion.

Karen Peugh – absent
Bill Evans – yes
Karen Buckley – yes
April DerBoghossian, Esq.- abstain
Kenneth Cram – abstain
Nate Robertson- yes
Robert Driscoll – yes
Paul Howard – yes
Ismael Matias - yes
Motion Passed.

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Member Nate Robertson: Read the conduct of hearings into the record.

Public Hearings:

Definitive Plan for Ringgold Street:

Please be advised, the Haverhill Planning Board at its meeting held on 7/14/21 at 7:00 pm In Room 202 City Council Chambers continued the above cited definitive plan to the August 11, 2021, meeting at 7:00 pm Room 202.

Member Nate Robertson read the public Hearing conduct into the record.

Mr. Paul Bergman of Bergman and Associates of 20 Washington Street addressed the board on behalf of the applicant. Also with me tonight is John Call the owner and applicant. Taylor Moylan of Bergman and Associates was also present. Ringgold Street is up on the far end of Primrose Street. Its up towards Route 125. It is a dead-end street. John wishes to extend the end of Ringgold Street about 90 feet so he can build a duplex for him and his father at the end of the street on the left-hand side. Very early on we met with Mr. Pillsbury for his feedback and virtually all of the department heads, City Engineer John Pettis, Water/Wastewater and Conservation (even though they didn't apply) for their feedback and comments on the plans. The plan is a set of 10 sheets. Its actually a combined Planning Board set of documents along with the plans for a site development or what they call developmental review. We did that because the road extension and the site for the duplex go hand and hand. There are details on the plan that don't apply to the road extension but that's why they are there. The road extension is about 90'. The end of the road is a jagged non perpendicular about 90-100' long extension. We conferred with John Pettis on road design, grading, drainage, guardrails. We conferred with Deputy Chief Tarpy to prove that we had sufficient distance for their fire vehicle that they gave us specifications for us to use to the closet street coming into Ringgold which I think is called Sawyer. As I said earlier, we had input from virtually all the department heads. All those comments have been incorporated into the plans. Are there any questions?

Member Driscoll: Is this going to be still a dead-end street?

Mr. Bergman: yes, sir.

Member Driscoll: You are only building one duplex?

Mr. Bergman: Yes, sir. As a matter of fact, the Ringgold right of way just ends if you look at the plans maybe 40' after the end of our proposed pavement. So, unless the city did a taken or something like that the road can't be extended anymore. In addition to that it gets very steep out there. From a practical standpoint it can't be extended. The entire reason for this to build a duplex.

Chairman Howard: Is there anyone from the public who wishes to speak on this project?
Would anyone like to speak on this project?

Mr. Raymond Desjardins of 31 Ringgold Street addressed the board in opposition. I have lived at this address for 28 years. They have already extended that road. They came in like they owned the neighborhood last year over a year ago. They have put construction material up there. Every time I look

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out my living room window I see construction material, green berm material, rocks across the road. Ringgold Street is only 23' wide. I don't know how wide they plan on making the road. John himself told me he only has a 70' wide lot. He has already knocked out my neighbors' trees. The existing neighbor on the other street, his trees. He came in with an excavating company, I came home from work on a nice spring day my driveway and yard was full of bark mulch. They parked a wood chipper in front of my house before they extended the road. I had my windows open, and I had a ½" of dust in my house. I am 62 years old, and my wife is the same age. We had to clean it. It took 2 weeks to clean my house. I come back the next day and I had about 15 yards of loam because I was doing my yard over. It was gone, they pushed it over the banking to make thing so he can drive his dump trucks, trailer trucks so he could get out all the trees. I am totally against this. I would like to know how wide this road is going to be. I have measured from my line to the other side of the road and its only 23'. The proposed to extend this road when they put the apartments back there and Dennis Aspell was on the Planning Board back then and he shot it down. They didn't go through that way. I am not for it. I know my next-door neighbor is not home from work, I know he wanted to come tonight. He owns 275' from the next road all the way to where he doesn't even know, and he already has taken down all the trees. He had Graham Excavating came in with tractor trailer trucks. I would appreciate if you could get him to move his construction materials for over a year. I am totally against this project. Why does he need a two family when its only single-family houses? There are sidewalks coming down Ringgold Street, is he going to put sidewalks in? Is he going to put any more fire hydrants in or is he coming in like he owns the whole neighborhood? Everybody in the neighborhood already doesn't like this guy and we never met him. He came in unannounced just came in and mowed every tree down, not even his trees. I have no more to say. I would totally think they wouldn't vote for this. He has deep pockets. He owns a business in Haverhill, I know. He knows everyone here. Where do I stand, nowhere?

Chairman Howard: Anyone else wish to speak on this project?

Mr. Desjardins: They also took down my...

Mr. Pillsbury: The only thing I ask is that you come to the microphone so we can get this on record.

Mr. Desjardins: He took down my property marker and pushed over....

Mr. Pillsbury: I would just ask that you come to the microphone.

Mr. Desjardins: When they excavated the road. That is not there anymore either.

Mr. Pillsbury: I am sorry but if you are going to speak, I need you to come to the microphone. That is all I am asking you to do. We are recording the meeting; I want to get on record. I am not trying to tell you not to speak. I just need you at the microphone.

Mr. Desjardins: When they excavated the road which they didn't have any permission to do. I asked John, himself where my property and he said he would take care of it. Nothing has happened. He pushed my property marker down. I had a big cement column. I have lived on this street 28 years and its not there anymore. They pushed it out of the way to make their road. I don't think they should build a house.

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Mr. John Call addressed the board. This is tough to follow up. I have lived in Haverhill my entire life. I live up on Edgehill Road right now. We would like to build this duplex because I have two elderly parents. I am the only surviving sibling out of four. I need to take care of both of my parents. I am really unaware of all that transpired. We went in and took trees down. We had to clear the lot to see if it was viable to build there. We cleared the lot. I know there is no construction debris there. There maybe some orange tubes that prevent water from....so we don't contaminate wetlands. I am totally unaware that this occurred. I have been by the gentleman's house. Yes, I did tell him I.... we did knock over his boundary, but we will replace that. I don't have a problem with that. I haven't spoken to anyone in the neighborhood. No one has complained to me. I have been down a few times, but I haven't been there for awhile because we were working on the engineering plans.

Mr. Pillsbury: would you be amenable to meeting with the neighbors and trying to discuss these issues?

Mr. Call: I would be glad to.

Mr. Pillsbury: I think that is critical. With that Mr. Chairman, I would recommend continue the hearing and postpone for a month to give an opportunity to work out some of these issues with the abutters and there is still some questions regarding the plan now that I have. Regarding the width of the road, right of way. I think we need to just get some more verification from the City Engineer's Office.

Mr. Call: I should I reach out to the neighbors?

Mr. Pillsbury: You will want to connect with this gentleman right here.

Mr. Call: This gentleman isn't going to do anything to make this a positive situation.

Mr. Pillsbury: How you reach out to the neighbors is up to you. I think that it is important that you are willing to do that, you said you would. It would be important to do that and come back in a month and report to us. I think Paul Bergman, we could probably work out the final details. John Pettis had a few comments, and I would like to see those worked out in the next month and come back a month from tonight. I would accept that in a form of a motion.

After board consideration, Member Karen Buckley motioned to continue the hearing to the August 11, 2021, Planning Board meeting at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers – Room 202. Member Kenneth Cram seconded the motion.

Member Nate Robertson-yes

Member Bill Evans-yes

Member April DerBoghosian, Esq.-yes

Member Kenneth Cram-yes

Member Robert Driscoll-yes

Member Ismael Matias-yes

Chairman Paul Howard-yes

Member Karen Buckley-yes

Member Karen Peugh-absent

Motion Passed.

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Definitive Plan for undeveloped Morse Avenue off of Peabody Street:

Please be advised, the Haverhill Planning Board at its meeting held on 7/14/21 at 7:00 pm In Room 202 City Council Chambers continued the above cited definitive plan to the August 11, 2021, meeting at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Member Nate Robertson read the public Hearing conduct into the record.

Attorney Paul Magliocchetti of 70 Bailey Blvd. addressed the board on behalf of the applicant. It has come to my attention that there are some comments made by the city engineer regarding the plan that need to be addressed. Also, there are some neighbors here we would like to discuss and try to address their issues. With all that being said I would ask that the Planning Board postpone this hearing for one month.

After board consideration, Member Kenneth Cram motioned to continue the hearing to the August 11, 2021, Planning Board meeting at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers – Room 202. Member April DerBoghosian seconded the motion.

Member Nate Robertson-yes

Member Bill Evans-yes

Member April DerBoghosian, Esq.-yes

Member Kenneth Cram-yes

Member Robert Driscoll-yes

Member Ismael Matias-yes

Chairman Paul Howard-yes

Member Karen Buckley-yes

Member Karen Peugh-absent

Motion Passed.

Definitive Escrows: None at this time.

Reminders for escrow: None at this time.

Form A Plans: Christina DiBitetto and Keith Gostanian for 14 Ruby Circle/15 Yellow Brick Road.

Member Karen Buckley motioned to approve and endorse the Form A for 14 Ruby Circle/15 Yellow Brick Road. Seconded by Member Ismael Matias. All members present voted in favor.

Motion Passed.

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Endorsement:

Def. Plan for 1240 Boston Road – Member Robert Driscoll motioned to endorse the plans for 1240 Boston Road. Seconded by Member Karen Buckley. All members present voted in favor.

Motion Passed.

Any other matter:

Meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Paul Howard
Chairman