

The following members attended the public meeting:

Doreen Prouty, Chairperson
Fred Harpin, Vice Chairperson
Joseph Conte-Clerk
Gary Suffriti, Alternate
Larry Hoague, Alternate
Jennifer Bonfiglio-Secretary

1. Case # 1792: Salema (Dunkin Donuts)

Chairperson Prouty re-opened this hearing at 6:30PM. Chairperson Prouty read a letter from Gary Weiner requesting a continuance. Motion to continue this case to Tuesday, October 9th @ 6:30PM by member Suffriti. Seconded by Chairperson Prouty. Vote: Unanimous.

2. Case # 1799: Ladizki

Chairperson Prouty opened this hearing at 7PM by reading the legal notice. Sitting on this case are Prouty, Harpin and Suffriti. Chairperson Prouty read a letter from David Ladizki requesting a continuance. Motion to continue this case to Monday, October 22nd @ 6:30PM by member Suffriti. Seconded by Chairperson Prouty. Vote: Unanimous.

3. Minutes of August 13, 2007

Chairperson Prouty made a motion to go out of order to approve the minutes from the August 13th meeting. Member Harpin seconded the motion. All in were in favor, none opposed. The minutes were unanimously approved with revisions.

4. Case # 1800: Agawam Specials, Inc.

Chairperson Prouty opened this hearing at 7:30PM by reading the legal notice and explaining the procedure to be followed. Sitting on this case are Prouty, Harpin and Hoague.

Speaking on behalf of Agawam Specials was Gerry Scoville, 15 Laurel Circle. He stated that Agawam Specials is seeking to park cars at the Agawam Town Hall; 36 Mains Street. They have been parking cars at the Town Hall for 19 years. This is their only fundraiser and pays for equipment, training, badges, etc.

Chairperson Prouty stated that the planning board continued this case to September 9th. She read correspondence from the Engineering Department who prepared the site plan for Agawam Specials. The letters includes all the conditions have been met. Chairperson Prouty read a letter from Vince Goscia; Town Solicitor, dated 8/22/07 stating that if Agawam Specials used the funds raised for municipal purposes, they would be exempt from filing for a Special Permit. Chairperson Prouty read a letter from Sgt. Niles; Safety officer, dated 8/24/07. No opinion was noted. Chairperson Prouty also read a memo from the Fire Chief dated 7/30/07 stating fire lanes must be clearly marked

Member Conte explained that according to the ordinance, a parking lot is accessory to any structure on government property and therefore is exempt.

Member Hoague questioned if the Special Police is accessory to the Town. Gerry Scoville advised that the use fundraising is in lieu of budgeting and all proceeds go to the Special Police.

Members Hoague and Prouty agree that the Town Hall is a municipal building. The parking lot is accessory to the Town Hall and Agawam Specials are employees of the town. The funds raised are used for municipal purposes. Ms. Prouty also read Section 180-17 (C) which states that town buildings and accessory buildings can be erected and used in a Residential A-2 district. Member Hoague asks if Agawam Specials will supply police services. Gerry Scoville answers yes.

No one speaks in favor or against. No one is opposed or in favor in name only.

The appeal process is explained and Chairperson Prouty closes the public hearing at 7:53 PM. The public meeting is opened at 7:55 PM. Member Hoague states that given the unusual situation, police will be on site, lighting is present, and spaces are clearly marked, he feels that they meet the criteria to use the property. Chairperson Prouty states she agrees with member Hoague. Agawam Specials is a town entity and sponsored by the town.

Chairperson Prouty calls for a vote: Hoague: yes
Harpin: yes
Prouty: yes
Vote: Unanimous.

Chairperson closed the public meeting at 8PM.

5. Case # 1798: Palazzi

Member Harpin re-opened this hearing at 8PM. He stated that the Planning Board has continued this case and the Board of Appeals is waiting for information from them. Sitting on this case are Harpin, Hoague, and Suffriti.

Micheal Palazzi stated that he spoke with Deb Dachos and she agreed that an architect is not needed. He has a master plan with him and will present it to the Planning board at the next meeting.

Michael Palazzi presented an article from the Washington City Newspaper to the board regarding parking. He stated that he feels that this is not a safety issue. There is no record or issue of safety outside the park. He will try to meet the criteria, as he is in the business of storing vehicles.

Michael Palazzi also stated he was told he should not be storing vehicles under 15 hours. He questions if he can store overnight. He also asked what the board recommends for ingress and egress. Member Conte stated in his opinion, the board cannot get involved in other people's property. Member Hoague advised that the board cannot offer any legal opinion until the meeting is opened.

Michael Palazzi states that there are no sidewalks in front of Six Flags. He advises that employees must walk in front of the Park and cross street from warehouse.

The Board members agreed to continue this hearing to Tuesday, October 9th @ 7:00PM.

6. Motion to adjourn by Harpin, seconded by Suffriti. All were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting was closed at 8:15PM.