

The following members attended the public meeting:

Doreen Prouty – Chairperson
James Marmo – Vice Chairperson
Michael Mercadante – Clerk
Jennifer Bonfiglio - Secretary

Chairperson Prouty opened the meeting at 6:35PM.

1. Case # 1851: O.M.G., Inc.

Chairperson Prouty opened this public hearing by reading the legal notice and introducing the members of the board. Sitting on this case were Doreen Prouty, James Marmo, and Mike Mercadante. Chairperson Prouty explained the procedures of the meeting. Representing the petitioner are Robert Murphy, Sr. Vice President, O.M.G., 153 Bowles Road and Todd Kovalski, Sr. Mfg. Engineer, O.M.G., 153 Bowles Road.

Mr. Murphy referenced a letter submitted with the application which details the history and location of the five roof stacks. The building is approx. 5 years old. Four stacks were installed when the building was built. Another was recently installed. When the D.E.P application was recently submitted, it was discovered that the height exceeded the zoning ordinance and none of the stacks had ever received special permits.

Chairperson Prouty references Section 180-56 which states the total height is not to exceed 40'. The petitioners explained that they misinterpreted the ordinance and are before the Board to correct that. Chairperson Prouty states that the letter submitted by the petitioner states that DEP required the stacks, although there is no documentation stating that from DEP. Mr. Murphy states that the height was suggested while working with DEP during the application process, and they can get that confirmed.

Chairperson Prouty read into record a letter from the Planning Board dated 8/7/09, a memo from Sgt. Niles and a letter sent to Matthew Fuller at OMG with a copy to the Board from WestMass dated 7/23/09.

Member Mercadante is concerned that there is no report from the Fire department. He asks what fuel is used and at what temperature. Mr. Kovalski states that natural gas is used at 350 degrees. Member Mercadante reads into record C.M.R. 10.1.9 and feels it should be addressed. He also states that in his opinion it would not affect the special permit decision, but could be a condition. Member Mercadante also questioned whether a permit was ever granted for the furnace/oven and would like fire inspector approval in writing.

Chairperson Prouty would like something in writing from DEP stating that the stacks are needed.

Chairperson Prouty opens the hearing to the public. No one spoke for or against this petition. Chairperson Prouty states that she would like to wait to make a decision until all the information is received and suggests continuing the hearing to 9/14 after the conclusion of the first hearing. All were in favor.

2. Motion to accept minutes of July 27, 2009 by Chairperson Prouty, seconded by member Mercadante. Vote: unanimous.

3. Motion to adjourn at 7PM by Chairperson, seconded by Conte. All were in favor.