

Agawam Planning Board – August 4, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman
Frank DeStefano
Charles Elfman
Michael DiLullo
Violet E. Baldwin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Stefanie Kesecker

Chairperson Paleologopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. PUBLIC HEARING-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates LLC

Mr. Kirk MacNaughton of Aspenwood Associates LLC was present to discuss the status of the application. Mr. Paleologopoulos opened the meeting by asking Mr. MacNaughton if there was a plan showing 300' from Doane Ave. Mr. MacNaughton explained his original plan met the 300' distance requirement and he interprets the current plan to meet this requirement as well. Mr. Elfman pointed out that the center line for Aspenwoods would need to be measured the same for Doane Ave and Aspenwood St . Agawam Engineering comments stated the centerline of the roadway bends toward the north creating a 280' ft. separation between Aspenwood St. and Doane Ave.

Mr. Paleologopoulos said the board could reject the plan or that the petitioner could withdraw the plan without prejudice until the 300' requirements have been met. The Chairman also pointed out that Aspenwood Associates LLC has been aware of the 300' requirements for at least 3 meetings and have not taken the correct steps to resolve the distance disparity.

Mr. Elfman asked if the 300' requirement could be completed in two weeks before the August 18th. 2022 meeting. Mr. MacNaughton stated that he would have this completed.

Mr. Paleologopoulos then opened the meeting up to the public.

Stuart Kibbe, 40 Doane Ave, stated that an established surveyor was not the right person to conduct the sight distance review. He also questioned whether the southerly sidewalk was encroaching on 687 Silver Street. Mr. MacNaughton stated he believes he could get an easement for the sidewalk. Mr. Kibbe also mentioned that the Doane Ave and Aspenwood do not run parallel. Mr. Kibbe questioned whether an agreement was made with the homeowner to the North to improve the sight distance and Mr. MacNaughton stated they are still working on drafting the language.

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Dan Reibling, 111 Doane Ave, stressed that even if the lines were moved, the math for the 300' would not change. Mr. Reibling feels if the 300' distance between streets could have been done it would have.

Ruth Cosmini, 102 Doane Ave, questioned why Mr. MacNaughton had not gotten an independent engineer to do the site distance survey.

Ronald Cabana Sr., 14 Doane Ave had called the Planning Office on August 4, 2022 to say he could not make it to the meeting, but expressed his disagreement with this project over the phone.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. DiLullo to continue the public hearing for Definitive Plan-673 Silver St-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates LLC to August 18, 2022.

VOTE 5 – 0

2. SITE PLAN-Tuckahoe Farm-0 Pine Street-Town of Agawam (continued to August 18, 2022). This agenda was previously continued to the August 18, 2022 meeting.

3. APROVAL OF MINUTES July 21, 2022

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to approve of the minutes of July 21, 2022 as written.

VOTE 5 – 0

4. Correspondences (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DiLullo adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 5 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm