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PLANNING BOARD

March 26, 2015

6:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Tom Vanchieri called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Tom Vanchieri, Henry Hodges, Gretchen Heldmann, Craig Knight and David McCluskey. Susan Dunham-Shane and Charles Norburg have excused absences.

MINUTES: Motion that we table the minutes until Susan returns. **By Craig/Henry 2nd. Vote 3-0**
The updated list of minutes left to review are: January 29, February 10, 17, 23, 26 and this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Tom called the Public Hearing for the R.S.U. #63 Bus Garage to order at 6:31 pm. The School Department would like to Lease the garage located at 1306 Main Road, Eddington for the purpose of a Bus Garage. The property is owned by Frank Arisimeek.

Rusty Gagnon, Eddington resident, spoke for the Bus Garage. She thinks it would be great to have a component of the School System in Town along with the School. She also said it will save money on mileage and will be much better traffic wise than its current location.

Ralph McLeod, Holden resident spoke against the Garage. He does not feel the area has enough room for the buses. He also said that the owner of the property and his partners are making threats about suing the Town of Eddington and he feels it does not make sense for the School Department to be paying someone that may sue the Town.

Terry Umble, Holden resident spoke against the garage. He said the School Department at one time used the garage at the Holden Town Garage and they had plenty of parking and a one bay garage. Where they are now has room for 3 buses and the traffic would not be any worse on Rt. 1A than it is on Rt. 9. He feels they do not need to purchase a building with the added expense of maintenance, etc. also. Rusty Gagnon clarified that the School Department is not purchasing the building and it is her understanding that after the School Department had put money into the repair of the Town Garage, it was taken back by the Town of Holden with no compensation back to the School Department. Rusty continued that there is plenty of room at this new site, it has been checked out and will cost less in the lease amount and also in some of the costs they have at the current location. This move will save the taxpayers money. Mr. Umble asked if the figures were available tonight. Rusty said they were available at the last meeting, but was not sure if they were at this meeting. David McCluskey recused himself from any votes as a member of the Planning Board because he is also a member of the School Board. He said that the purpose of this meeting was not to decide if this was a good deal for R.S.U. #63, but was to discuss the application so that Mr. Umble's comments would be better discussed at a School Board Meeting.

Russell said that notices went out last week to all of the abutters within 500' of the project, but he does not see anyone here that is an abutter. Rusty Gagnon said that she lives close to the facility and any noise concerns are mute.

Tom closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board continued their review of the application from R.S.U. #63 to operate a Bus Garage at 1306 Main Road, Eddington. Jake Morgan and Rusty Gagnon were present.

Gretchen asked if they plan to put up a sign. Jake said that they will not be putting up a new sign for the Bus Garage and plan to cover the current Airline Construction Sign so they won't continue advertising that it is the location of Airline Construction.

Gretchen asked how many buses will be parked at this location. Jake Morgan, School Department Transportation Supervisor said that they own 15 buses, but they are not all there at the same time. During the summer buses that are used will be parked at Holbrook School. They do also own 3 vans, that are kept at the driver's homes and two trucks that will stay in the yard. During the summer 2 vans and 1 truck will be on site. It will average about 9 buses at the lot.

Gretchen said that in regards to noise, as long as the buses running before 7:00 am, stay below the allowable decibels in the Ordinance, there will not be a problem. They expect to have 4 or 5 buses idling for 15 to 20 minutes in the winter. If a neighbor complains, they will have to prove that they are below the Ordinance requirements. Jake said they will work with any neighbors if possible. The headlights will be off when the vehicles are warming up.

Gretchen said the rest of the information is covered in the application. Tom said that they established the review criteria at the last meeting. Gretchen verified that the fees are paid. Gretchen said that traffic was discussed before and will probably not be an increase from what was there before. Jake said they will be making right and left turns out of the yard, and probably mostly right.

Motion to approve the application as being in accordance with all of Sections of 402 and other pertinent sections of the Ordinance with the condition that no more than 9 buses should be parked in the front yard, as shown in the drawing, at any time. And the applicant shall follow all of the information submitted in the application as far as how to meet all those criteria. **By Gretchen/ Craig 2nd. Vote 3-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

STAFF REPORTS:

PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC ACCESS: Rusty Gagnon and Ralph McLeod thanked the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:46 pm. **By Gretchen/Craig 2nd. All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles,