

Planning Board Town of Hanover 550 Hanover Street Hanover, MA 02339

Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 10, 2013

Planning Board Attendees:

<u>Present</u>: Richard Deluca, Tony Losordo, Ken Blanchard, Bernie Campbell, Meagan Neville Dunne, Jeffrey Puleo and Lou Paradis

Others: Assistant Town Planner, Margaret Hoffman; Administrative Assistant, Peter Matchak

Richard Deluca, Planning Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the second floor hearing room at Town Hall, Hanover, Massachusetts.

Review of May 20, 2013 Planning Board Meeting Minutes:

The Board reviewed the Planning Board meeting minutes from May 20, 2013. Jeff Puleo made a motion to accept the Planning Board meeting minutes from May 20, 2013, as amended. Bernie Campbell seconded the motion. All others voted in favor.

Public Hearing – Review Site Plan for 34 Twin Fawn Drive – TPL-13-8:

The Board opened the public hearing for 34 Twin Fawn Drive at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor hearing room. Tony Losordo read the public hearing notice. The board was presented with a request to continue the public hearing until the next Planning Board meeting scheduled for June 24, 2013. Lou Paradis made a motion to accept the request for continuance. Bernie Campbell seconded the motion. All other voted in favor.

Mill Street Traffic Study Presentation:

Jeffery Dirk of Vanasse & Associates, Inc. presented the findings concerning the Mill Street Traffic Study which analyzed the intersection of Mill Street, Mill Pond Drive & Hanover Mall Drive. Mr. Dirk within his presentation stated that a majority of the traffic along Mill Street is heading east towards Norwell. There is no posted speed limit along Mill Street within the study area however comparing the adjacent land uses the projected speed limit would be 30 mph. During Vanasse & Associates traffic counts it was determined that the majority of traffic along Mill Street makes a right hand turn into the South Shore YMCA complex. Review of the crash data within the study area established that the rate of accidents exceeds the state average even though there were only 8 accidents. An angle type crash was the most frequent type of accident. Occruing most often when a vehicle is traveling east on Mill Street attempted to take a left onto

Hanover Mall Drive. In addition there is no pedestrian infrastructure present at the Mill Street intersection.

The study presented three alternative plans moving forward. Alternative #2 included the implementation of all-way stop signs at the Mill Street, Hanover Drive & Mill Pond Drive intersection. Alternative #3 suggested reorganizing the striping of the intersection making a dedicated left turning lane for vehicles taking a left onto Mill Street from Mill Pond Drive, the YMCA complex. Alternative #4 proposed striping organization, and the development of a turning lane for vehicles heading east on Mill Street making a right turn on to Mill Drive Pond. All three future improvements to the intersection proposed the installation of a side walk along Hanover Mall Drive and a cross walk at the intersection.

The Planning Board asked Vanasse & Associates to collect additional data concerning the South Shore YMCA camp traffic and report back to the Planning Board with additional alteration. The Planning Board liked the idea of a hybrid solution to the Mill Street Intersection. The Board favored the idea of reorganizing the intersection by restriping the intersection to create a left turning land exiting the Mill Pond Drive, the future addition of a right turning lane from Mill Street on to Mill Drive Pond.

Tony Losordo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ken Blanchard seconded the motion. All others voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Matchak, Administrative Assistant