



Hanover Zoning Board of Appeals
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 7:30 pm

Committee Attendees

David Connolly
Brian Callow
Frederick Adami
Chris Bernard

Absent

Matthew Perkins
Glen Openshaw

Other Attendees

Alan Peterson, On behalf of Hanover Parks & Recreation
Bevin Gray, Chairwoman of Hanover Parks & Recreation
Jason Cavallaro, 211 Larchmont Lane
Joel Barrett, 263 Union Street
Ann Lee, Director – Hanover CDMI
Mike Walpole, 115 Candlewood Lane
Adam Hill, 40 Hillside Circle

Opening

Vice Chairman David Connolly opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and noted the meeting was being recorded. The Vice Chair read the Zoning Board Public Hearing General Rules into the record.

Public Hearing – 253 King Street (Forge Pond Park) – Modification of Special Permit – 2009-7SP

The Board opened a public hearing for Hanover Parks and Recreation Committee. The applicant is requesting a modification of Special Permit 2009-7SP for Forge Pond Park, 253 King Street, Hanover, MA 02339, Map 67 Lot 1, Residence A District to allow after-hours use of the facility and site lighting for six (6) ballfields as well as lighting for adjacent walkways and parking areas. The Vice Chairman read the hearing notice into the record. The Board voted to waive the reading of the list of abutters. The Vice Chair noted the Hanover Fire Department has no objection to the project, and the Hanover Conservation Commission would like the wetlands delineated on any submitted plans. Alan Peterson address the Board on behalf of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Peterson explained the draft plans submitted to the Board and explained a detailed, definitive plan is pending and will require Community Preservation Committee funding which needs to be approved at Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Peterson also noted the project will be completed in phases, and the proposed lighting will be LED hard cut off lighting with little light spilling onto adjacent properties. The Vice Chairman noted the Board requires definitive, engineer stamped plan to make a judgement regarding special permit granting bylaw requirements that the use shall not interfere with the safety and privacy of adjoining properties and shall not cause an immediate or potential devaluation of property values of adjoining properties and the general area. Board member Fred Adami stated he's not opposed to the concept of lighting the fields, but the Board does require a definitive, engineer stamped plan. Board member Chris Bernard expressed his

agreement with this. Mr. Peterson stated the applicant didn't want to seek funds at Town Meeting if the Board felt a modification would never be approved.

The Vice Chairman open the floor to public comment. Joel Barrett of 263 Union Street stated he is an active volunteer with HYAA and explained the addition of lights will enable HYAA to enhance and grow the baseball/softball and soccer programs and help with scheduling practices and games. Director of Hanover CDMI Ann Lee confirmed the Community Preservation Committee has approved the grant to develop a definitive plan, and if approved at Town Meeting, the funds will be available after July 1, 2022. Adam Hill of 40 Hillside Circle stated some lighting plans have previously been done for a few baseball fields. Jason Cavallaro of 211 Larchmont Lane shared and explained a lighting plan for the Board.

The Board agreed a definitive, engineer stamped plan needs to be submitted. Given that, Alan Peterson requested a withdrawal without prejudice on behalf of Hanover Parks and Recreation, so they may re-apply in the future once a plan is completed. The Board voted to accept the withdrawal without prejudice request. The Board voted to close the hearing at 8:24 PM.

Review of Minutes

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2021 as written.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Wednesday, March 9, 2022