

## SEYMOUR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Public Hearing Minutes  
June 10, 2010  
Norma Drummer Room, Town Hall

**Members Present:** Dan DellaVolpe, Walt Birdsell, Al Yagovane, Al Ermer,  
Dave Bitso, Alt.

**Others Present:** Bob Looker, Town Planner, Dave Nafis, Town Engineer

***Application for a special permit for a multi-family development consisting of ten Town House units and associated site improvements on the northerly and westerly portion of property known as 10 Old Drive. This hearing is continued from May 13, 2010.***

**MOTION:** Birdsell/Yagovane, to seat D. Bitso as a regular member.  
**Motion Carried 5-0.**

Atty. Steven Bellis was present for the applicant. He introduced Dave D'Ambroso.

Mr. D'Ambroso stated that he is a blaster and explained that this is a typical residential subdivision with minimal work cuts. He stated that in order to the work easier they will be doing sequential timed blasts. This will cause less vibrations. He stated that all local and state guidelines will be followed. Pre-blast surveys will be done. He also stated that the hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He stated that blasting mats will also be used. He estimates that it will take approximately 45 days of blasting for the road and 45 days for the house foundations. Mr. Ermer asked how much of at area will be taken out. Jim Swift, Engineer, stated that it will be about 10,000 yards. Mr. Birdsell stated that residents in that area had property damage from the other project and they should be compensated for any damage. Atty. Bellis stated that they will be going above and beyond what is required by state statute. He stated that they are trying to minimize the blasting in this situation.

Doug Simms, DRS Consultants stated that the scope of the blasting will be significantly less that with the previous project. He stated that they will be going out to 500' of the area. He stated that he will receive daily field reports and weekly reports summarizing all data. They will be using the most restrictive guidelines and will be documenting the actual vibrations. They will work with the blaster and homeowners and will be very responsive to the homeowners. He stated that a certificate of insurance will be on file with the Town prior to the commencement of any blasting. If there are any changes in conditions they will follow up with the homeowner. He also stated that they will send out certified letters to the homeowners so that they know that everyone has been notified. Inspections can be done at no cost to the homeowner.

Mr. Birdsell asked if there is damage what would be done. Mr. Simms stated that they will review all the data and will go and check out the damage.

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Jim Swift, Engineer stated that at the last hearing there was some question regarding the width of George Street. He stated that it is 26' wide at the point of the last driveway and then tapers down and will be 24'. He stated that they will be keeping the grading and excavation to a minimum and the highest cut is 15'. There will not be a mass cut out. He stated that if the access was from Old Drive it would require a lot more excavation and blasting. He stated that the construction access is from the existing construction area and will be used as much as possible.

Atty. Bellis stated that this application meets all regulations and according to those it needs to have at least one connection to a public road which it does with George Street. They will be using a different blaster than the previous project and there will be a consultant on this project.

Chm. DellaVolpe asked for any public comment.

Melissa Blake, 2 Shelton Street asked about dust particles from the blasting and was also concerned about drainage from the site. Mr. Swift stated that the drainage has been designed with a detention pond on site and then discharged into Little River. The runoff will be treated for temperature control. Mr. Simms stated that there will be a two stage filter used which will keep particles from leaving the site.

Rich Opotzner, 2 School Street asked if there will be an oil/water separator on the site. He was also concerned with blasting.

Marcel Gaudette, 52 Pershing Avenue stated that he was concerned with the blasting. He stated that there were a lot of problems with the previous project and the neighborhood should not have to go through it again.

Linda Stringham 12 Rimmon Street asked when the blasting would start and also asked if any trees will be cut down.

Giovanni Ortiz, George Street stated that there are a lot of concerns with this project and they should all be taken into consideration.

Mark Kulas, School Street was concerned with blasting.

Sandra Opotzner, 2 School Street was concerned with the quality of life for the neighborhood and also with blasting and traffic.

Debra Grant, 5 School Street stated that this is very stressful for the neighborhood.

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Dan Staffieri, 33 Pershing Avenue stated that blasting will change a lot of things in the area and he was concerned with water runoff.

Lee Heller, 34 George Street stated that this property is not suited for development. She was also concerned with blasting and she submitted information regarding dextran and the inspections that were done on her property previously.

Bob Branchy, 29 George Street stated that this is a small neighborhood which will be impacted with traffic and blasting.

Rich Opotzner, 2 School Street stated that this is the same developer as with the previous project and he should be aware of the problems with that project. There will be an increase in traffic which will negatively impact the neighborhood.

Melissa Blake, 2 Shelton Street was concerned with traffic.

Marcel Gaudette, 52 Pershing Avenue was also concerned with increased traffic.

Linda Stringham, 12 Rimmon Street was concerned with the impacts to the neighborhood.

Mr. Stringham, 12 Rimmon Street was concerned with truck traffic, dust and water runoff.

Giovanni Ortiz, George Street stated that this project could continue for a long time. He was also concerned with traffic.

Jim Swift stated that there is no real parking area so there is no need for an oil/water separator. All parking is in garages. He stated that they expect to remove approximately 10,000 yards and of that 2,000 to 3,000 yards will be used on site in the lower area. He stated that some construction work needs to be done on George Street which will be kept to a minimum. He stated that as far as the tree removal the disturbance area is marked on the plans and they do not anticipate going out of those areas. He stated that they expect to start the project in 2011 and there are two buildings associated with the project. If the project is phased all the blasting work will be done at the same time. They would expect 45 days for the road and another 45 days for the building foundations.

Jim Blakeman stated that by using materials on site that makes for less trucks coming onto the site.

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Jim Swift stated that there will be no blasting for galleys. He also stated that they were required by the Town to remove the large island on Old Drive. Mr. Blakeman stated that the Town wanted it removed.

Mr. Yagovane asked about homeowner claims for damages. Atty. Bellis stated that it takes time for a claim to be processed and insurance companies to make payment on a claim. They are trying to have documentation so that if a claim is made there will be enough prior documentation in place to possibly expedite a claim process. He stated that they will be using a different blasting company and the blasting will be done sequentially.

The public hearing was closed at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary