

MILLBURY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
April 20, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Millbury Planning Board was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. remotely via ZOOM video conferencing as the Municipal Building was closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated State of Emergency. Chairman Richard Gosselin presided.

Present: Rich Gosselin, Terry Burke Dotson, Paul Piktelis, Bruce DeVault, Mat Ashmankas

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing Con't – 12 Martin Street (Athletic Fields & Track)
 Site Plan Review & Stormwater Management Permit
 Millbury Public Schools

Chairman Gosselin stated that the purpose of the meeting is to address the outstanding issue of the proposed increase in traffic along Martin Street from the construction of a new proposed parking lot at the school's entrance on Martin Street. The existing parking lot that is accessed via Orchard Street will be demolished to make way for the expanded and reconfigured track and playing field.

Patrick Mara, Athletic Director at Millbury High School, explained the traffic plan and dismissal schedule that was approved by the Building Committee.

Donald Desorcy, Millbury Police Chief, discussed the traffic patterns and issues at the site. He stated that after reviewing the application he is not overly concerned about the new traffic configuration based on his history with the traffic at the school. He reviewed the original development of the Orchard Street parking area. It was originally constructed with 88 spots and residents at the time expressed concern over traffic on the street. This was over 10 years ago and only recently the traffic has diminished for that lot. Currently it takes about 15 minutes until the traffic exits left off of Orchard Street. Goff Street has little to no pedestrian traffic from the school in over twenty years. However, there is some time-sensitive traffic in the area during the morning. The traffic concern for the Main Street/Martin Street intersection is a problem after 2 p.m. but dissipates quickly. He expressed concern that if Dewey Street is made a one-way, drivers would become confused. If an extra lane to exit onto Martin Street is included it would improve the flow of exiting traffic. A detail officer will be present for evening game events.

Mr. Ashmankas expressed concern about the sight line onto Martin Street.

Ms. Dotson expressed concern regarding traffic and delays exiting the school.

Patrick Mara, Athletic Director, stated that they conducted a survey of the students currently parking at the school. He noted that half of those surveyed said they would take a right turn leaving the school from N. Main Street and Orchard Street.

Mr. Piktelis and Mr. DeVault thanked the Police Chief for the presentation and agreed that the additional right lane exiting the school would improve traffic flow.

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Chairman Gosselin inquired about the possible future development on Park Hill Avenue, of which Chief Desorcy is aware. He is also concerned with intersections with 60% angle or less.

Mr. Mara stated that the updated traffic pattern will allow the buses to exit first which will assist with the traffic flow at dismissal. They are committed to having additional personnel to assist with traffic flow during dismissal.

Chairman Gosselin recommended establishing a parking assignment based on the exiting pattern of the students and Mr. Mara concurred.

Mr. DeVault inquired and Chief Desorcy confirmed that the Dewey Street right turn only recommendation would have to be approved by MassDOT and would affect residents of that area. Greg Myers, Millbury School Department, stated that they are committed to the Chief's recommendation on dismissals.

Mr. Dotson recommended that the proposed field be rotated counter clockwise and have the Orchard Street entrance available. She also recommended relocating the new parking lot.

Mr. Mara confirmed that Gale Associates reviewed Ms. Dotson's comments and they discussed several different exiting options but that it is not feasible to rotate the field. They are proceeding with Chief Desorcy's recommendations.

Ms. Connors stated that she is concerned with the cost of making a roadway connection to Orchard Street and taking property by eminent domain for the sake of alleviating traffic congestion during school dismissal. She suggested mandating 80 spaces specifically for teachers and require they exit at a staggered time to control traffic flow.

Chairman Gosselin recommended and Ms. Connors confirmed that she will modify the draft decision to include conditions regarding the right-of-way on Dewey Street, extra lane at the entrance of the school, and parking assignments based on exiting time be included to the site plan approval. Mr. Piktelis and Mr. DeVault agreed with Chief Desorcy's recommendations for the site.

Ms. Connors inquired and Chairman Gosselin confirmed that they received commitments on the traffic patterns.

Chris Lowe stated that they will create a parking plan for teachers and students to assist with traffic flow.

John Perry inquired and Ms. Connors confirmed that she will include condition F, number 6 to the decision. She will add two additional conditions to the decision: the updated traffic pattern and right turn only on Dewey Street, subject to approval by MassDOT and the Board of Selectman.

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Paul Piktelis made a motion to close the public hearing, Mat Ashmankas seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to waive the requirement to submit application fees, Paul Piktelis seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to waive Section 12.44 (c), the requirement to submit an isometric line drawing, Paul Piktelis seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to waive Section 12.44 (f), the requirement to submit a full development impact statement, Paul Piktelis seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to waive Section and 12.45(f) and 12.45(g), the requirement to install cement concrete sidewalks and walkways of natural materials throughout the site, Paul Piktelis seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to waive Section 12.45 (o), the requirement to install concrete curb and gutter around the perimeter of parking areas, Paul Piktelis seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

Bruce DeVault made a motion to approve the Notice of Decision of Site plan Approval and Stormwater Management Permit as shown on the plan entitled "Millbury Junior/Senior High School Athletic Campus Renovations, 12 Martin Street, Millbury, Massachusetts", dated January 24, 2020, last revised March 13, 2020, prepared by Gale Associates, Inc., subject to conditions A-P. Mat Ashmankas seconded, and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis and Bruce DeVault in favor, Terry Burke Dotson opposed, the vote was approved 4-1.

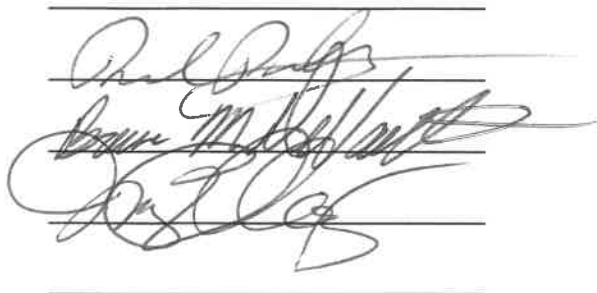
Paul Piktelis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce DeVault, voted and on a roll call vote with Mat Ashmankas, Paul Piktelis, Terry Burke Dotson and Bruce DeVault in favor, the vote was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Collins

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ATTEST:



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