

The Office of the Zoning Board of Appeals
THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC
Massachusetts, 01860



COMMITTEE: ZBA
MEETING DATE: October 29, 2018
Meeting Place: Merrimac Town Hall
86 West Main Street, Merrimac, Ma 01860

Members present: Ed Mills, Earl Baumgardner, Amirault , Mitch Kostoulakos, Josh Jackson
Bob Sinibaldi , Judy Bernardo, Dan Mills, Judy Barrett Amy Kwesell, Ray Cormier, Mark Bobrowski, Bob
Colledge, Doug Lees present

7:15PM

Chairman Baumgardner opened the meeting.

7:15PM 7 West Shore Rd Variance Continued

Applicant: Peter Thislewood

Arthur Amirault made the motion to have the architect come to the next meeting with the applicant,
Josh Jackson 2nd the motion. Vote 5:0

7:25PM

Arthur Amirault made the motion to approve the minutes from the 8/6/18 meeting, Josh Jackson 2nd the
motion, Vote 5:0

7:27PM

Mitch Kostoulakos made the motion to approve the minutes from the 10/22/18 meeting, Josh Jackson
2nd the motion. Vote 4:0 Arthur Amirault abstain.

7:30PM Continued Public Hearing for Rams Head

Contracts

There was discussion that there needs to be attendance from SGC at the ZBA meetings. Judy will be in
touch re: additional funding. Josh Jackson made a motion to accept the SGC contract, Arthur Amirault
2nd the motion, Vote: 5:0 Will be presented to the BOS on 11/4

Land Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. Doug Lees. Presented the site plan relating to the
grading. He will develop a revised plan in approximately 2 weeks. Horsely Witten reviewed the plan-
Report submitted.

Janet Bernardo-Horsely Witten-Wetlands, Storm Water

2 scientists met on site, looked at delineations/buffer zone. Reviewed 10 standards to make sure
compliance is met. Soil is a concern. There is concern that it may not drain within 72 hours. Will review
the new plan upon submission. Design to 100-year storm event is in accordance with state
regulations/Mass EPA

Bob College-Norris Engineering. Wetland scientists to review. Board may attend site visits. Board will be notified.

26 High Street-concerns with drainage, maintained, inspection. Board will request updated system reports-maintenance done by owner. Concerns with well, rain run-off, discharge and recharge systems.

18 South Pleasant Street-concerns with earthwork-cut-size of system, drainage issue. Also, the impact on abutters.

9 Colonial Drive-William Neth-What happens when there are many storms in a short time? Concerns with erosion/top hill. Issues with the garages.

16 High Street-Matt Schberge-Issues with major storms

30 South Pleasant-Sherry Robbins-Raised issues with traffic and safety. Submitted report

14 High Street-Scott Holman-Issues with the Cobblebrook-concern with drainage

12 Prospect Street

37 High Street-Mary Ellen Rancourt-issues with Cobblebrook and additional water

Mark Bobrowski stated that 2 consultants will visit the site, not appropriate for the public to be present but Josh Jackson volunteered to attend the site visit.

Horsley Witten-stated that they did not review the retaining walls or slopes. (not structural Engineers)

8:30PM Traffic

Mark Bobrowski presented the report-present in the application

MDM-Dan Mills-Josh Jackson stated that he knows Ken Kram personally

Report submitted

10 High Street-Nancy Messea-Concerns about safety-Level of service and the increase in volume.

9 Colonial Drive-William Neth-Chris Neth-concerns about the timeframe of the study (March). Concerns with the Emergency Road and the covenant that exists.

26 High Street-Diane Trane-Issues with safety, sidewalks, concerns with High/River Rd, concerns with travel during busy times of day.

48 Mill Pond-Lisa Eightsman-Concerns with the route to the high school-no specific route reviewed

64 River Road-Jonathan Seymore-Concerns with process-relating to schools

12 Prospect-John Sicone-discussed accommodations made for small town-population.

30 South Pleasant Street-Sherry Robbins-Traffic concerns-concerns with highway and accidents-back up page 5/13 addresses the issue of stop sign

Representative Lenny Mirra-Questioned if the board reviewed LongView in Georgetown-similar project relating to PD, schools and traffic

12 Red Oaks Acres-John Rizinski-Concerns about how pays for improvements-Board will consider this in the conditions placed in the decision

28 High St-Peter Atwood-Concerns with traffic/speed-River Road-concerns with Infrastructure of River rd. and High Street Intersection

Discussion about 3rd party study-Arthur Amirault made the motion for 3rd party study, Ed Mills 2nd the motion, Vote: 5:0. Motion was withdrawn. Applicant will not pay for the study per attorney

Cabot Smith-Colonial Drive-Discussed the traffic study and the possibility of widening the study.

19 Pleasant Street-Shelly Killian-Discussed the Rezoning Issue-High Street

55 School Street-Sandy Venner-stated that the Planning Board will meet on 12/4

Amy KWesell KP Law-discussed the covenant. Letter/opinion submitted-Access can't be used as emergency.

List provision-need more information relating to the waiver via the BOH

The title of the Development is Rams Head-2 words

Relating to 4 Colonial Drive-can't use this space-must revise the plans.

Bobrowski stated that at this time, there is no proposition for any other means of access. Police and Fire needs to be consulted.

Next Meeting set for 12/10/18 at Merrimac Town Hall 7PM

9:30PM Meeting Adjourned Josh Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Arthur Amirault 2nd the motion Vote: 5:0



Chairman