

ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING MINUTES – January 16, 2020

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the nineteenth day of January 16, 2020 A.D., the said meeting was called to order by Zoning Board of Review Vice-Chairman Ronnie Sposato at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ronnie Sposato, Daniel Harrington, Michael Geary

Zoning Board Clerk: Elizabeth Monty

Deputy Zoning Official: Sherri Desjardins

Zoning Board Solicitor: Matthew Reilly, Esq., Solicitor, of Assalone &
Associates, LLC

Absent: Solicitor: Veronica Assalone, Esq., Solicitor, of Assalone & Associates,
LLC; Board Members: Joseph York (recused himself from Petition I),
Jonathan Ure, Daniel Baruti (Alternate)

Sitting as Board for Petition I: Sposato, Harrington, Geary

Petition I– Determine completeness of application/consider waivers; hold
Hearing if all in order.

A Petition for a Dimensional Variance filed by Attorney George A Comolli on behalf of Hopkinton Industrial Park, LLC, with mailing address of 401 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804, for property owned by Hopkinton Industrial Park, LLC and located at 15 Gray Lane, Ashaway, RI 02804, and identified as AP 4 Lot 12 a Manufacturing Zone and filed in accordance with Section 9 of Chapter 134 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended.

All fees have been paid.

All notices have been posted. Green notice cards were collected by the Clerk.

Applicants' Attorneys, Steve Surdut, Esq. and George Comolli, Esq. were present.

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Vice Chairman Sposato stated that we do not have a quorum to have the hearing Tonight, and that was the only thing that was on the agenda and asked to entertain a motion to continue the hearing.

MEMBER HARRINGTON MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS HEARING (IT WAS NOT SECONDED.)

Member Harrington asked until when?

Vice-Chairman Sposato stated they are shooting for the 30th (of January) if all parties are available. He added that tentatively as of tonight it will be on the 30th (of January).

Attorney Comolli interjected to the Vice-Chairman that Mr. Chairman should “Open” the meeting. Otherwise they (Applicants) would have to send re-notice out. And then we will be in good legal standing. I will refer to your attorney, but that is what I would suggest.

Vice-Chairman stated that this was what they were going to do and that he “jumped the gun”. By all means, and we didn’t get a second so the motion hasn’t moved.

MEMBER HARRINGTON RESCINDED HIS MOTION. THE RESCIND WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER GEARY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SO VOTED.

MEMBER HARRINGTON MADE A (NEW) MOTION TO OPEN THE HEARING. THIS WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER GEARY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SO VOTED.

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Vice-Chairman Sposato addressed Attorney Comolli, saying that seeing we do not have a quorum to finish, we should close the meeting.

Attorney Surdut interjected that we have to set a date.

Vice-Chairman Sposato stated that they will be closing and continue until the 30th (January) if all parties are available.

Attorney Comolli will assure his clients are available. Members from L-3 are flying in from all parts of the country. And Ray and Lydia will be flying in from Florida. But if you have a quorum, we will all be here in anticipation.

Vice-Chairman stated they are waiting for one member to let us know for sure tomorrow morning that he is available for the 30th.

Attorney Comolli asked that if there is an issue the Board will advise them of this.

Vice-Chairman stated that he will let them know as quick as they can and they will get the next Thursday that they can get it.

Attorney Comolli stated “Perfect.” “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

MEMBER HARRINGTON MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE (ADJOURN) THE MEETING UNDER THE NOTED STIPULATIONS AT 7:04 P.M. THAT WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER GEARY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

NO DISCUSSION.

SO VOTED.

Attorney Comolli stated that he looks forward to seeing them on the 30th and looks forward to getting this matter resolved.

The Board wished Attorney Comolli a safe flight.

Attorney Comolli thanked the Board.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Monty

Zoning Board Clerk

Next Meeting: (Special meeting), proposed: January 30 2020; 7:00 P.M. (tentative pending availability of quorum); Notice to be posted on RI Secretary of State Open Meetings page and Town Website.