

PLANNING BOARD

DATE: December 6, 2017
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Large Meeting Room
FOR: Special Meeting
PRESENT: Brandee Nelson, Chair; Malcolm Fick; Jonathan Hankin
Pedro Pachano, Associate Member
Chris Rembold, Town Planner

Ms. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

BERKSHIRE ENGINEERING FUEL TANK REMOVAL APPLICATION:

Ms. Nelson elevated Mr. Pachano to a voting member for the purposes of voting. Mr. Hankin is an abutter to the property therefore he recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Ken Krentsa applicant was present with Mark Roggen from Roggen Management Consultants Inc. The application is for the removal of a fuel tank at the Great Barrington airport. The removal is within the Water Quality Protection District therefore the Planning Board is required to vote on the removal.

Ms. Nelson asked Mr. Krentsa if he had a presentation. He said he did not.

Mr. Fick made a motion that there is nothing in the removal of the fuel tank that violates any provision of our bylaws, the permit should be issued.

David Magadini interrupted saying the Board was out of order. He said this is a public hearing and the public should be allowed to speak.

Ms. Nelson said this is not a public hearing it is a public meeting. She told Mr. Magadini he could speak during Citizen Speak Time.

Mr. Pachano seconded all in favor.

CITIZEN'S SPEAK TIME:

David Magadini said the Board is out of order. He stated that abutters should have been notified of the meeting and allowed to speak.

Ms. Nelson repeated that this meeting was a public meeting that had been posted. It was not a public hearing.

Ms. Nelson attempted to move on with the meeting.

Mr. Magadini said there was another matter he wanted to discuss. He said parking spaces should not be considered for just automobiles but also for a storage area,

Ms. Nelson told Mr. Magadini he could speak for 3 minutes.

Mr. Magadini said parking spaces should be allowed for storage areas as he has no place to “park” his cart. He said he had his cart confiscated because it was left on Town property. He said he has language to propose a change to the Town bylaws to allow the parking spaces in Town to be used for storage. He submitted a copy. Ms. Nelson also informed him that he could possibly get the item on the town warrant via citizens’ petition.

Mr. Fick said the Board could look at the language and put it on a future agenda.

Holly Hamer asked if the Board would consider moving Citizen’s Speak Time from the end of the agenda. She said often people attending the meeting are not allowed to speak to issues until the end.

Ms. Nelson said she appreciated the comment. She said we can try to be more open to taking public comments.

Having concluded their business, Ms. Nelson adjourned without objection at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly L. Shaw
Planning Board Secretary