

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2010
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
69 South Main Street
4:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Carlene Kelleher, Deane Rettig, Al Sandholm, Tom Doherty, Craig Dunlop, David Fuss, Donald Francis, Henry Moses and Paul Camara.

Absent: Barbara Repko with notice.

Staff Present: Audrey Cross-Lussier, secretary.

Also Present: Mike Collins, Courtesy Ford, and Public in Attendance.

III. Seating of Alternates: None.

IV. Discussion and action on motion to rescind the vote to appeal the variance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Courtesy Ford.

Chairman Kelleher asks commission members to indicate they received notice of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting. Al Sandholm recuses himself from the table as he is an abutter. By a show of hands – Carlene Kelleher, Deane Rettig, Tom Doherty, Craig Dunlop, David Fuss, Don Francis, Henry Moses, and Paul Camara indicated they received notice of the meeting and its purpose.

A motion was made by Tom Doherty to accept the agenda. Deane Rettig seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes. Al Sandholm recuses.

Deane Rettig discusses with Commission members the difference between “reconsider and rescind.” Mr. Rettig stated that Section 35 of Robert’s Rules pertains to rescind/amend something that was previously adopted. Reconsider must be brought forth by a member of the prevailing side. Rescinding does not need to be brought forth by either side. Discussion held.

A motion was made by Deane Rettig in accordance with the notice given on November 24, 2010 by way of an emailed and posted agenda, I move to rescind the decision made during the Special Meeting dated November 18, 2010 that authorized this Commission to initiate an appeal relating to the five-foot buffer variance granted to Courtesy Ford by the Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals. Henry Moses seconds this motion.

Commission members voiced their opinion with regards to the variance granted to Courtesy Ford by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion was held on the legal opinion given by Attorney Peter Alter.

A motion was made by Henry Moses to call the question. Deane Rettig seconds this motion.

Deane Rettig restates the motion: in accordance with the notice given on November 24, 2010 by way of an emailed and posted agenda, I move to rescind the decision made during the Special Meeting dated November 18, 2010 that authorized this Commission to initiate an appeal relating to the five-foot buffer variance granted to Courtesy Ford by the Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote was taken: In favor of Paul Camara, Dave Fuss, Deane Rettig, Carlene Kelleher and Henry Moses. Opposed: Tom Doherty, Don Francis and Craig Dunlop. Al Sandholm recuses. The motion passes 5-3.

Chairman Kelleher asked First Selectman Tanner if there is a possibility of arranging some type of training or explanation of what the authority of the Zoning Board of Appeals is and if this can be done where both Commissions are present.

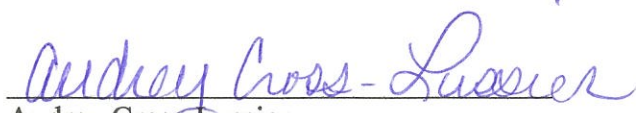
Chairman Kelleher thanks everyone for attending the meeting.

Selectman Tanner asked Chairman Kelleher to entertain a site walk of the property. Ms. Kelleher stated that a site walk would be acceptable once an application is presented before the Commission.

Al Sandholm returns to the table.

V. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Deane Rettig to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Henry Moses seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.


Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary