

Dummerston Development Review Board Meeting
September 15, 2015

Attending: ZA Charlotte Annis, DRB Members: Alan McBean, Cami Elliott, Hugh Worden, Patty Walior, Beverly Kenney

Also Present for church business: Sam Farwell, Cindy Wilcox, Ray Enello

Present for Gravel Pit review: Duane Fletcher, Mike Renaud, Ed Bell, Bill Ortleib, Tim Severence, Judy Pollica and Claudia Teachman.

Meeting Called to order at 7:00

*Minutes approved from May Minutes

*ZA update: Nothing scheduled for October at this time, there is still one week left for applications to come in. Charlotte reported that we should start to include an Interested Persons Record Service List in all decisions. This form records names of people present at hearing and a brief statement of their concerns. She shared a copy of letter sent to all abutters of the gravel pits about tonights informal meeting.

Preceding the hearing, a site visit was made to the Dummerston Congregational Church located at 1535 Middle Road in Dummerston.

The hearing was led by Alan McBean for a waiver to change an existing sign and add a sign to the above address.

Hearing called to order at 7:10 PM. Cindy Wilcox, Ray Enello, and Sam Farwell were in attendance to offer testimony.

Alan read warning and interested parties were sworn in. Letter presented that explained in great detail the plans the church has for replacing a temporary sign in front of church and changing lettering on sign that is already located on side of church building. The purpose of the new sign is to inform members/residents of Dummerston about events that will be happening in the church. The existing sign is used for church information; the Pastor's name, phone numbers, hours of worship etc. There will be no lighting on signs. Ray informed board that Leon Chamberlin has inspected

the location and reported that the sign will not interfere with sight lines for traffic at the intersection, it will not be an obstruction. They would be happy to have him come and inspect again now that there is a model in the location where sign will be put in. Sam reported that he believes the letters will be black on a white background. Letters will be 6 inches in height. Beverly recommended that they call Dig Safe to ensure that their digging will not hit any wires or pipes. The church believes that there is a need for a new sign to help with informing residents of events and help attendance.

Hearing closed at 7:30. A written decision will be written ASAP

Second portion of DRB meeting to update gravel pit goings on began at 7:30.

Claudia Teachman read a letter on behalf of the Poplar Commons Homeowners Assoc. Four of the Six residents had responded to a questionnaire about blasting this spring. More specific time notification was helpful. Some residents felt that the blasts were louder and vibration stronger. Not sure if it's because they are getting closer or the blasting direction had changed. Dust was kept under control. Truck traffic seems ok.

Residents not living in Poplar Commons but in neighborhood reported no problems, blasting seemed less intense this year. There has been no issue with a well on Dummerstation Rd. this year.

Mike R. again stated that he wants to be a good neighbor and is always open for phone calls with questions or concerns. Duane F. also stated the same.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Patty Walior - DRB Member