

**FALMOUTH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES EXCERPT
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

Members Present: Jay Chace (Chair), Bill Benzing (Co-Chair), Tom McKeon, Rudy Israel, Chris Hickey

Staff Present: Ethan Croce-Senior Planner; Lisa Sangillo-Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Item 2 **Joe Cooper** - Request for reconsideration of the Planning Board's March 3, 2015 recommendation to the Town Council relative to a proposed zoning amendment to create a special overlay district for 60 Gray Road to accommodate additional parking in the front setback.

Mr. Croce gave an overview of the request facing the Planning Board explaining the process suggested by the Town Attorney in this unique instance.

There needs to be a vote to open the item up for reconsideration. If the vote fails, the request goes no further. If the vote passes, the Board would then make a decision regarding whether or not to hold a second public hearing and a second recommendation to the Town Council for recommendation based on the information presented.

Mr. Chace reiterated Mr. Croce's explanation to ensure he understood what was before the Board this evening.

Mr. McKeon motioned to open the request up to discussion. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board then discussed whether the applicant should be allowed to make a short presentation. The Planning Board was all in favor of a short presentation.

Mr. Greer presented a brief overview of their request. He stated that the Maine Department of Transportation took part of the land therefore decreasing the setbacks for the property. He and the property owner, Joe Cooper of Falmouth, are hoping the Board will move this forward for a new Public Hearing.

Mr. Cooper thanked the PB for hearing their request tonight. .

Mr. Hickey stated at the previous meeting his decision was based on the fact

that there was virtually no information presented. There is information this time, and he has no problem with this going forward to another Public Hearing. Mr. McKeon also feels this way and agrees with Mr. Hickey.

Mr. Benzing motioned to schedule a second public hearing and second Board vote on this matter. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion.

Mr. Chace amended the motion to clarify the scheduled date of the public hearing as the June 2, 2015 Planning Board Meeting. The Board voted to approve this amendment to the motion 5-0.

Mr. Benzing motioned to schedule a second public hearing and Board vote on this matter at the June 2, 2015 Planning Board meeting. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.