

Town of Watertown
Planning and Zoning Commission
Public Hearing
Plan/Special Permit #264 of the Taft School

Time: 8:11 PM
Date: May 6, 2009
Place: Watertown High School Technology Center
324 French Street
Watertown, CT

Present: Chairman, Mr. David Minnich
Vice Chairman, Mr. Gary Martin
Secretary, Mr. Michael Masayda
Mr. Ronald Russ
Mr. Carl Mancini
Alternate, Mr. Ken Demirs
Alternate, Mr. Duane George

Absent: Mr. Jim Blais
Mr. Glen Duplissie
Alternate, Mr. Ray Rondeau

Also Present: Land Use Administrator, Ms. Ruth Mulcahy
Town Engineer, Mr. Chuck Berger
Town Attorney, Mr. Paul Jessell
Land Use Secretary, Ms. Carol Allen

D. George sat in for Blais
K. Demirs sat in for Dupliesse

1. Call meeting to order

The chairman called to order the meeting at 8:11 pm.

2. Roll call

The secretary executed the roll call.

3. Hearing of applications

- d. An application for a Site Plan/Special Permit #264 of the Taft School for an addition of a security office/generator enclosure for the dining hall project located at 110 Woodbury Road, Watertown, CT in an R-20 Residence District.**

Mr. Masayda read the notice of public hearing.

The Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Watertown, CT. will hold a public hearing at 7PM, Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Watertown High School. Technology Center, 324 French Street, Watertown, Ct. on the following:

An application for a Site Plan/Special Permit #264 of the Taft School for an addition of a security office/generator enclosure for the dining hall project located at 110 Woodbury Road, Watertown, CT in an R-20 Residence District.

Ron Bomengen – Fuss & O’Neil

I have a stack of green cards and the affidavit signed. Since the last presentation the new location is much better than what we had before. The security office is gone; it will be just a generator enclosure. The same entrance in place of the parking on Woodbury Road it will take up two parking spots that will be eliminated along with a tree. The size of the enclosure will be 17’ and 2” wide and 27 1/2’ feet long and 11’ tall. One of the concerns from the last meeting was the sound from the generator. There is some sound information in the packet which came from the manufacturer it is about 75 decibels and that is 23’ away from it. We determined what the decibel level is at the closest house that is not owned by Taft in their handout the decibel level was 54 and did not include the enclosure. He also had a customer outage report from CL&P and there were only 5 since April 26, 2004 and the longest power outage was 27 minutes.

Board Members Concerns

Mr. Martin asked what the exercise time and frequency were.

Mr. Bomengen replied we would prefer the first Wednesday, every month for 45 minutes from 12pm to 3pm, 45 minutes within that.

Mr. Martin asked what the reason was for moving it from the original location.

Mr. Bomengen replied it was in the back of the building where there is a pond, they want to make that a courtyard area and make it a lot nicer than it is right now.

Mr. Minnich commented if accepted the application before with regards with what we modified is rescinded from the previous application. Further we can add to what you are presenting to us on the site plan and we are not limited to your application for the generator.

Mr. Mancini was concerned about the tree being removed and if they could replace it with a smaller tree.

Mr. Martin asked about the concrete barrier if it was sound absorbent.

Mr. Bomengen replied that is not it will direct the sound straight up.

Mr. Masayda commented that you could more decibels from the traffic.

Mr. Minnich said his concerns for this project as presented were the security office and that is no longer a part of this application and the second was the decibel level on the generator.

Mr. Martin commented we have to follow a set pattern throughout the community.

Mr. Russ mentioned with enclosed building the decibels of the exhaust pipe.

Mr. Bomengen if we added a roof then we would have to put levers on the side, which would then distribute sound outward instead of upward.

Ms. Mulcahy explained that Swift School came up with the acoustical blankets.

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MOTION: Masayda moved to close public hearing

SECOND: Russ.

VOTE

AYES:

Minnich, Martin, Masayda, Russ, Mancini, Demirs and
George.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS 7-0.

Michael Masayda _____
Secretary