

**Town of Hatfield  
Planning Board Minutes  
Remote Via Microsoft Teams  
March 3, 2021**

Members Present: Chair Stephanie Slys, Alt Chair Bob Wagner, Paul Dostal, Jimmy Tarr, Michael Paszek

Admin: Gerard Bueno

Attendees: Tom Reidy, Matt Ciaschini, Zach Ciaschini, Lisa Berkman, Buster Symanski, Eric Van Geel, Dave Slys

Chair opens meeting at 6:01pm

Chair opens public forum:  
No remarks from the public.

**Public Hearing**

Chair opens continued hearing for the Thayer project.

Linda Thayer has been in contact with the Admin Assistant and is asking the Board to extend the hearing because their engineers are not ready to present to the Conservation Commission. Bob Wagner strongly suggests that the Board and Thayer's draft a joint letter expressing a time extension of the public hearing. Jimmy Tarr makes a motion to continue the hearing. Bob Wagner seconds. Motion passes.

**SPB Hearing, Full Tilt Auto Body, 164 West St.**

Chair Slys begins the hearing by addressing the article in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The article implied that the business is moving to Hatfield. Chair points out that this public hearing is determining that. Decision has not been made prior to this hearing. Chair Slys gives the floor to Tom Reidy, representing Full Tilt Auto Body Inc. They have submitted an application of the Special Permit with a waiver request. Full Tilt is looking to reestablish a previous use for an Auto Body repair shop business at this location. Tom Reidy explains why they have met the requirements for the waiver request. Small discussion of the waiver request, 5.3.3 AA. Matt Ciaschini is present at the hearing and presents their proposal and explains their business operations. Full Tilt Auto Body is a collision business that was located in Eastampton MA for 13 years. They would like to move their business to 64 West Street by reestablishing a prior use at that location. Matt Ciaschini explains that their business is 95 percent insurance claims. Their work is directly related to collision damage and they do not do routine service and maintenance. Their work is done primarily to the structure and aesthetics of a car. Full Tilt has 8 employees and two owner operators. Matt and Zach Ciaschini are the two owners. Zach Ciaschini is the paint tech and floor manager. Matt Ciaschini is the lead appraiser and is Licensed by the State. All of their licensing and permits with the State are up to date. The hours of operations would be Monday thru Friday 7:30-5:30 and potentially half day on Saturdays, 8-12. This would accommodate customers who cannot come in during the work week. Matt Ciaschini explains why they are looking for an existing building waiver. They have no plans to make any changes to the site. Bob Wagner asks about the number of vehicles that they plan to work on at any given time. Small discussion on vehicles. They plan to have 15 cars in cycle. 20 car max. Matt Ciaschini states that they have proposed 13 workstations, so most cars/vehicles will be located indoors. Jimmy Tarr asks about delivery parts. Most deliveries will arrive within 2-3 days. Deliveries will only occur during hours of operation.

Chair Slysyz opens public hearing to public support. No public comments. Chair Slysyz opens public hearing to public opposition. No public comments. Chair Slysyz opens to Board discussion. Paul Dostal asks about rental services. Matt Ciaschini explains the car rental procedure. Small discussion on rentals and appraisal process. Board inquires about metal disposal. They plan to have a metal only dumpster that will be picked up once the dumpster is full. Small discussion on the location and screening of the dumpsters. Chair Slysyz asks about the lighting. Matt Ciaschini states that they plan to use energy efficient, timed lighting. No lighting facing onto the road. They will get all their signage approved through the building inspector. No other further discussion. Bob Wagner votes to close the public hearing. Jimmy Tarr seconds. Motion passes. Public hearing is closed.

The Board deliberates. The board verifies that this would be a Special Permit for the specific business oppose to the property at large. Tom Reidy explains why they are interested in a waiver. Small discussion on 5.3.3AA. Bob Wagner makes a motion to grant a waiver. Jimmy Tarr seconds.

Lisa Berkman suggests a Special Condition. She is interested in making sure that this Special Permit is granted to the business and not the property and would like to make sure that the footprint of their operation does not change. Matt Ciaschini explains that there is 8,000 Sq Ft of proposed workspace and 4,000 Sq FT of office space. They do not plan to change the footprint of the area. Bob Wagner makes a motion to grant Full Tilt Auto Body Inc a Special Permit, with the condition that footprint of their operation does not change from their proposal, and the SQ footage of the structure does not change. Jimmy Tarr seconds. Motion passes.

Buster Symanski, potential barn 52 & 56 Elm St

Buster Symanski is looking for approval on a potential barn/storage structure. He is considering selling one of his properties that includes a 3-bay garage. He has historically used this garage as storage for his personal equipment. Buster Symanski would like to build a structure on a piece of land that is access through "a legal right of way". He shows the Board and public an overview map of the area he would like to build this structure. Paul Dostal asks if this will have electricity. Buster Symanski verifies that there will be electrical wiring and sewage line for a bathroom. Board discusses if this would be their jurisdiction. Bob Wagner states that all he would need is a building permit. This does not appear to fall on the Planning Boards jurisdiction. Chair Slysyz confirms that they do not need to make an official action.

61A discussion, marijuana cultivation

The River Valley Inc property is being discussed to be taken out of 61A. This is Hatfield's Board of Assessors decision to make. The Board of Assessors have asked the input from the Planning Board. Chair Slysyz states that they are seeking for an opinion from the Planning Board. Bob Wagner explains that the Ag Com has also given their opinion. They would like to see this property stay in 61A and that they would allow marijuana cultivation in 61A. Hemp, Hops and tobacco are all allowed in 61A. Small discussion on what the Board of Assessors need from them. The Board all agrees that they would recommend keeping the property in 61A.

Board discusses other topics. Eversource is looking to have a temporary structure on Straits Rd. Chair Slysyz states that they have limited information on the proposed project. It appears that they would like to have a temporary storage area/warehouse. Jimmy Tarr asks how long this structure will be in place. Chair Slysyz states that it seems this project will run through December 2022, but again, not a lot of information has been given so far.

Small discussion on N. Hatfield Rd. truck traffic. Chair Slysyz points out that zoning enforcement officer, Kyle Scott should follow up on some of the residents' complaints about truck traffic.

Approval of 2.3.21 meeting minutes

Jimmy Tarr motions to approve minutes. Paul Dostal seconds. Motion passes

Jimmy Tarr motions to adjourn meeting. Mike Paszek seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Submitted by,

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Admin Assistant