

## HINGHAM PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

REMOTE MEETING

**Board Members Present Remotely:** Kevin Ellis, Gary Tondorf-Dick, Judith Sneath, Gordon Carr, Rita Da Silva

**Also Present:** Susan Murphy, Special Real Estate Counsel & Christine Stickney, Interim Planner

Meeting Agenda:

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1. **Hingham School Committee**

Application of the Hingham School Committee under Section III-B.8 of the Zoning Bylaw for a minor modification of the Site Plan Review approval granted March 11, 2013, as previously amended, to allow the use of field lights and amplified sound for a senior night special event at the Hingham High School multi-purpose field on the evening of June 3, 2021.

2. **Hingham School Committee**

Application of the Hingham School Committee under Section III-B.8 of the Zoning Bylaw for waiver of Site Plan Review in connection with the reconstruction of dugouts at the Hingham High School ballfields.

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Hearing(s)

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### **Hingham School Committee**

Member of the School Committee, Michelle Ayer, presented the application to the Board. She explained that they are asking to host an event on the multipurpose field at Hingham High School which will require the use of the amplified sound system until around 9 pm. The event will begin at 6 pm and will include a DJ, a hypnotist, and a viewing of the class video. She added that the event will also require the use of the field lights at the end of the event to allow for safe exit from the field but that they only anticipate this to last for around 15 minutes.

Town Legal Counsel clarified that the use of the field lights and amplified sound system on weeknights had been limited to athletic events and that the School Committee has put forth this application to request this use which would typically not be allowed on a weeknight.

Member Judy Sneath suggested that the neighbors be notified that this event will be taking place and that the amplified sound system and field lights will be used at this time. There was additional discussion about the best way to get the word out to abutting properties about this event.

As there were no comments from members of the Public and no further comments from Members of the Board, The Chair proposed the following findings:

1. That the request for minor modification for a one-time special event is made by the applicant in order to allow for a pre-graduation event for the 2021 Hingham High School seniors outdoors in a manner that is safe and consistent with federal, state, and local Covid-19 safety recommendations.
2. That the requested minor modification does not substantially materially affect any of the findings made by the Planning Board under the Site Plan Approval granted March 11, 2013 as previously amended.

**Motion:** Kevin Ellis made a motion to grant a minor modification of the Site Plan Review Approval granted March 11, 2013 as previously amended to allow the use of field lights and amplified sound for a senior night special event at the Hingham High School multipurpose field in the evening of June 3, 2021 until 9 pm under the following conditions:

1. The event shall end by 9 pm, the use of amplified sound and field lights shall end at that time, except to the extent necessary for school officials to provide instructions to participants for the safe dismissal of the event, but in no event later than 9:30 pm.
2. Except as modified by this vote, all other conditions of the existing Site Plan Approval remain in full force and effect without limiting the foregoing conditions of the existing Site Plan Approval regarding parking and use of the sound “governor” shall be observed.

**Second:** Gary Tondorf-Dick

**In Favor:** Judy Sneath, Gary Tondorf-Dick, Gordon Carr, Rita Da Silva, Kevin Ellis

**Opposed:** None

### **Hingham School Committee**

John Ferris presented the application to the Board. He explained that they are hoping to build a set of dugouts along with a storage cage on both the left and right field sides of the baseball and softball fields. He noted that the building permit was for \$38,000 split equally between the two fields. Jim Quatromoni presented the proposed building plans to the board, explaining that the project likely wouldn't begin until the current athletic season is over, and that construction would follow any schedule that the Board would expect the project to abide by.

As there were no comments from members of the Public and no comments or questions from Members of the Board, The Chair proposed the following findings:

1. That the work proposed under the application is governed by Section III-B.8 as an educational use and that the work constitutes a minor site plan as the proposed modifications do not materially or adversely affect conditions governed by the site plan review standards set forth in section II-6.

**Motion:** Kevin Ellis made a motion to waive Site Plan Review under II-5 in connections with the application of the Hingham High School Department for the reconstruction of dugouts at the Hingham High School ballfields.

**Second:** Gordon Carr

**In Favor:** Judy Sneath, Gary Tondorf-Dick, Gordon Carr, Rita Da Silva, Kevin Ellis

**Opposed:** None

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.