

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held at the Town Office Building, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, NY, Tuesday, May 14, 2018, at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT:

Members present: L. Miller
L. Ciccirelli
S. McLain
S. Forster
M. Jaros
D. Kudgus

Others present: Marina Lane
Rick Materese
Bonnie Brown
Dan Brown
Amy Priddy
Sue Kimmel
John Bernardo
Peter Wilson
Ed Keplinger
Iliya Honovich
Elena Honovich

L. MILLER: We will open the Public Hearing for a Special Permit for Floodplain Development at 3630 George F. Highway and I will read the public hearing notice.

The Town of Union Planning Board will conduct a public hearing relative to a Special Permit application by Howard Hanna Real Estate Services to develop in the 100-year floodplain at 3630 George F. Highway (property tax map number 142.17-4-32). The proposal is for the construction of a 14-foot by 12-foot portable shed on the existing parking lot.

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Town Board meeting room on the second floor of the Town of Union Office Building located at 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York. The application is available for review in the Planning Department.

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning Department at 786-2926 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.
Paul A. Nelson, Interim Planning Director.

MS. LANE: I am not going to read my report for this because that means that Carol will have to write it down verbatim. This is Bonnie Brown; you have seen her before with First Realty USA. Now she is with Howard Hanna. Dan Brown is the contractor who is going to build the shed.

Would you like to give a brief summary of the project? I gave everybody a fancy-pants site plan that I put together. (Laughter)

MS. BROWN: It looks great.

MS. LANE: You should have it in your packet; so take it out now. You can see the proposed location; it's just this little sketch here of the shed next to the dumpster.

MS. BROWN: Basically, as you know we have no basement, so we don't have a lot of storage and now we have larger signs with Howard Hanna, we really could use the extra storage. That is what we want it for.

MR. FORSTER: So this is to replace the shed that is existing there?

MS. BROWN: It's to give us more storage.

MR. BROWN: We are going to keep the existing shed. This would be in addition to that.

MS. BROWN: I guess I don't know.

MR. BROWN: It really hasn't been talked about. There is a large maple tree that overhangs all this and it is really hard to see anyway. The new proposed shed will be approximately two feet taller in every direction than the existing shed. Therefore, it was placed in front of it so there would be no way to see the existing shed. And this still would only take up two parking spaces.

MR. FORSTER: Two more.

MR. BROWN: No, the existing shed can be shifted so that it would only take up two of the existing parking spaces.

MR. CICCARELLI: He should introduce himself.

MR. BROWN: So essentially what is going to happen, with all the realtors that are there, it is really hard to control, and if the shed isn't big enough, they are going to start putting them outside.

MR. FORSTER: And that is all it's for, is the signs?

MR. BROWN: That's it.

MR. FORSTER: No lawnmowers?

MR. BROWN: They hire that out.

MS. BROWN: Just for open house signs and for sale signs, that's it.

MR. BROWN: Just to keep the grounds clean.

MR. CICCARELLI: Can you introduce yourself for the record, please?

MR. BROWN: Dan Brown, and I own Dan Brown Construction locally here in town.

MR. CICCARELLI: Thank-you.

MS. LANE: Does anyone have any questions? So, you will use a double louver system?

MR. BROWN: It will be. Therefore, as soon as the water rises it will flood the structure so it can't float out into the road. In addition to that, we are anchoring it to the pavement, so there is no way for it to go anywhere. And it is no different from the typical shed you see that everyone has in their backyard. There is nothing ornate. It's earth-tone colors.

MS. MILLER: Does anyone have any questions or comments?

MR. MATERESE: In the event of a flood, what happens to the signs? Will you evacuate the signs or just leave them?

MS. BROWN: The signs?

MR. MATERESE: If it floods, what happens to the signs that are in this shed?

MR. BROWN: Well, the doors are locked shut so the water flows into louvered vents and passes through the building and the contents can't leave.

MR. MATERESE: Okay. So the contents would just flood then.

MR. BROWN: They are pretty heavy. The sign posts are steel and there is a small 24" x 36" piece of plywood attached to the posts.

MR. CICCARELLI: But they won't escape the structure?

MR. BROWN: No.

MS. MILLER: Any other comments or questions? So then, we will close the public hearing.

Public Hearing concluded: 7:12 p.m.

I, CAROL M. KRAWCZYK, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my stenographic notes/tape taken at the above time and place.

CAROL M. KRAWCZYK