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PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
September 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Dedham Middle School Auditorium

Present: John R. Bethoney, Chair
Michael A. Podolski, Vice Chair
James E. O'Brien IV
Jessica L. Porter
James McGrail, Esq.

Staff: Jeremy Rosenberger, Town Planner
Jennifer Doherty, Administrative Assistant

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Plans, documents, studies, etc., referred to are incorporated as part of the public records and are on file in the Planning and Zoning office.

Chairman Bethoney asked to take care of some administrative business before starting on the first agenda item.

26 Bryant Street – Town of Dedham

Applicant: Town of Dedham
Project Address: 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, MA
Zoning District: Central Business
Representative: Applicant and Representatives were not in attendance
Town Consultant: Steven Findlen, Senior Project Manager, McMahon Associates

There has been a request that the Special Permit & Site Plan Review for +/- 49,500 sq. ft. public safety building be continued to September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Motion: Mr. Podolski moved, seconded by Ms. Porter.

Vote: The vote was unanimous at 5-0.

184, 220 and 776 Pine Street, 70 and 208 Jenney Lane – The Animal Rescue League

Applicant: Animal Rescue League of Boston
Project Address: 184 Pine Street, 220 Pine Street, 276 Pine Street, 70 Jenny Lane and 208 Jenny Lane
Zoning District: Single Residence A and Single Residence B
Representative: Peter A. Zahka, Esquire

The applicant for a Special Permit & Site Plan Review for construction of a +/- 25,000 sq. ft., two-story multi-use/administrative building requested that the hearing be continued to September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Motion: Mr. Podolski moved, seconded by Mr. McGrail.

Discussion: Mr. Steeves stated he will not be here on the 16th.

Vote: The vote was unanimous at 5-0.

Public Hearing: Firearms Zoning Amendment

Chairman Bethoney stated that the Planning Board would now begin a public hearing relating to a firearms zoning amendment, the first item on the agenda. He asked the Town Planner, Jeremy Rosenberger, to read into the record how the hearing was noticed.

Mr. Rosenberger said that per 48, Section 5, two legal notices were placed in the Dedham Times: Friday, August 23, 2019 and August 30, 2019. And pursuant to 48, Section 5, the Town must provide notice to the abutting communities of Boston, Westwood and Needham, as well as the local planning agency, MAPC, and the state agency, DHDD. Notice was provided on August 20, 2019.

Chairman Bethoney asked the Town Clerk, Mr. James O'Brien, to read into the record the notice of the hearing.

Chairman Bethoney introduced Mr. Jonathan Eichman, Kochman & Paige Law (KP Law), as Counsel to the Board on planning issues. The Board consulted with him regarding the proposed zoning amendment and the Board of Selectmen have worked with him and others at KP Law on tonight's proposal. The Chairman sought a motion to open the public hearing on firearms. Mr. Podolski motioned, seconded by Ms. Porter, no discussion and all were in favor.

This public hearing related specifically to a zoning amendment that was referred to the Planning Board by the Board of Selectmen as previously stated. It related directly to the definitions as Mr. O'Brien read them into the record about firearms, firearms businesses, etc., and the zones where those businesses can operate in the Town of Dedham.

In a previous session, Town Moderator Daniel Driscoll, Board of Selectmen Dennis Tan, and Attorney Eichman, KP Law, described the zoning article as a starting point for the Planning Board to begin discussion on how to regulate the sale and purchase of firearms in the Town of Dedham. They provided the most restrictive bylaw with no sales within the town. The Board would then use input from the public, town counsel and the Board themselves to develop a solution and placement for the sale of firearms.

The Chair, after providing instructions to the audience and speakers, began with the 9 members of the public who had signed up to speak.

Beth Gleason
42 Wilson Avenue

Ms. Gleason's comments related to the Avery School being unlocked all summer. She has an autistic child and was very concerned that a shooter could easily access the school. Her child would not be able to follow instructions in that situation and would put herself and everyone near her in jeopardy. Ms. Gleason demanded accountability, expressed that the proximity of a gun shop is even more dangerous to a special needs child and stated that the school was not equipped to handle an active shooter on premise.

James O'Brien responded with sympathy. He explained that the Avery School was unlocked because they have summer classes. He reassured her that the Board members have children and will do their best in working with this situation that they don't like.

Beth Gleason answered that the reason the school was open all summer was because the Principal didn't order pass cards for the summer teachers who don't teach during the regular school year. It was inexcusable and poor planning.

Francis Adams
135 Turner Street

Mr. Adams has been a permitted gun owner for 50 years. He stated that you must be at least 21 to buy a weapon and you have to show a permit to look at anything. It takes a long time to get a permit. He had to wait 3 months. He said lots of people are getting guns. He mentioned all the concern regarding an AR15, but clarified that you can't buy that gun in Massachusetts. He said there are millions out there and you don't need to be afraid.

Margie Kirstein
49 Curve Street

Ms. Kirstein has lived in East Dedham for only 6 years, but thinks of it all as one community. She feels we should not have any gun sales in Dedham. It's very peaceful, friendly, progressive, and that is not type of community we want to be. If there were to be gun sales, they should not be in East Dedham because it is a family neighborhood with children. As a home owner who has invested a lot of money and paid taxes, she would not welcome that. She has a 6 year old granddaughter who visits frequently. She would not take her to that playground if there was a gun store so close.

Fred Wofford
59 Richards Street

Mr. Wofford expressed his pride in being American, the town hall process, and the high level of participation in Dedham in taking ownership of their government. He stated he was not going to talk about why Dedham does not need a gun store, that what was important was the discourse. He felt starting from a complete restriction was smart. He minored in history and has faith in the Constitution and its application to the states. He said it's really for every town to self-determine what they want. If the Planning Board's initial position becomes its final position, it may be challenged. He asked, as a citizen, that Dedham maintain its position in history in that the Planning Board and any other town boards take it all the way to the Supreme Court to get it resolved, and let the chips fall where they may.

Marisa Howard-Karp
96 Garfield Road

Ms. Howard-Karp presented a case for why zoning laws that restrict the sale of guns are good for the health of Dedham. She quoted multiple alarming statistics regarding the deaths of children and suicides in the United States due to firearms. The American Academy of Pediatrics refers to it as an epidemic and public health crisis. The Journal of the American Medical Association recently published a study that links living near a gun shop with an increased risk for suicide, particularly in non-rural counties. Any action to reduce gun sales is suicide prevention. Dr. Matthew Miller from the Harvard Injury Control Research Center says if you can prevent someone from killing themselves today by restricting their access to guns, you have very likely saved their life in the long term. Massachusetts has among the lowest rates of gun injuries in the country due to restrictive gun laws and low rates of gun ownership. When it's harder to get guns, and there's not an access point right in the middle of our neighborhoods, it's harder for young people to kill themselves with firearms. It is not about the Second Amendment. It is about using data to reduce risk. Her children are 11 and 13. She asked the Planning Board to please consider every option to restrict and prevent gun sales within the Town of Dedham.

Jean Zeiler

59 Woodleigh Road

Ms. Zeiler read a statement for Mike Rogers, a Dedham resident, who could not attend. The statement addressed the argument that crime is committed by those who access guns from the black market and not law-abiding citizens who purchase them at a store. He presented studies showing that there is a close connection between the number and availability of guns and the amount of violence in those places. Last year, the Lawrence Eagle Tribune published an article by their Statehouse Reporter, Christian Wade, entitled, Seized Crime Guns Tied Back to Licensed Arms Dealers. The article begins: 'More than one third of the guns involved in crimes seized by police in 2016 in Massachusetts were originally sold legally by firearms dealers in Massachusetts according to newly released data. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety traced the origin of 514 of 1,400 illegal guns taken off the streets by police in 2016 to the original sale by Massachusetts dealers.' Law abiding citizens can purchase a gun legally and then later commit a crime with that gun, or they lose the gun or the gun is stolen. He was also concerned that a gun store in Dedham itself could be robbed because no security system is perfect. He concluded that absent a total ban, a zoning bylaw on a gun store must contain strong language pertaining to location, security and access.

Anna Kijas

105 High Street

Dedham Gun Control Advocates Group

Ms. Kijas referenced a document she shared earlier titled, "Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership and Voluntary Code." She spoke on behalf of the Dedham Gun Control Advocates Group which has 500 members, saying that locating firearms retailers in communities is a public health issue, security risk, and increases suicides. The Second Amendment protects only the individual right to own guns, not sell them. This ruling was upheld in 2017 by judges on the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the Teixeira v. County of Alameda case. Although this ruling was upheld, an outright ban on sales in Dedham will most likely be challenged. Barring a full ban, the group proposes the Planning Board draft the Warrant Article regulating that firearms retailers be zoned only in the Adult Use Overlay District in Dedham. The existing zoning regulations identified in the bylaw contain criteria that can be applied to firearms retailers. This will ensure that this type of retailer will not be located near residential areas, schools, libraries, religious facilities, parks, childcare facilities, playgrounds, and recreational areas where minors regularly travel or congregate. The zoning regulation should include clear language and criteria specific to: the safety of residents around the securing of firearms in the retail shop and around the building; display and signage; access by minors; and the location itself. They also propose that the bylaw require adoption of the 10 points of the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership Voluntary Code, a code that was created by the Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Walmart. The following points are from this code:

- Videotaping the point of sale for all firearms transactions in the store
- Using a computerized gun trace log and alert system
- Requiring a purchaser Declaration
- Deterring the use of fake identification
- Using consistent visible signage about the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership in the shop itself
- Conducting employee background checks
- Providing employee responsibility training
- Conducting frequent inventory checking
- Prohibiting sales without background check results
- Securing the firearms within the store

This code of conduct is primarily to be used to help mayors and law enforcement stop the proliferation of illegal guns.

John Piro
34 Preston Street
Greenlodge

Mr. Piro asked the Planning Board to restrict the sale of firearms in Dedham, especially at the proposed site of Bussey St. in East Dedham. He mentioned the Second Amendment and that he was not here to take away guns. He also mentioned another important part to this document that says we all have certain unalienable rights and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This country has a gun addiction and problem. How many people, especially children, need to die at the hands of guns in this country? He grew up in Newton, one of the safest cities in the country where there are no gun shops. A gun store would attract people we don't want hanging around Dedham. He asked Dedham and the Planning Board to make a statement to the whole country. Let's choose to let the residents of Dedham live in peace. Let's choose not to sell guns in Dedham in close proximity to a playground. Let's be brave and stand up for our right to life and to be happy. Let's choose to say no to guns.

Elizabeth Martin
50 Village Avenue

Ms. Martin feels the Board should focus on what can be accomplished legally. It's up to the Board to decide whether Dedham is willing to fight this all the way to the Supreme Court and she doesn't have confidence in the current Supreme Court to change the existing law on guns. She researched using AAA and Dick's as possible alternative sale places for guns, but neither sells guns anymore. Therefore, this would be the only gun sale option in Dedham. Can Dedham legally keep a single gun store out of the town? She mentioned an article by Attorney Gleason that stated the only limitation and protection the town could have appears to be zoning. She referenced a presentation the prior Thursday that pointed out the proposed location for the gun store on Buzzy St. would not meet parking regulations and it could therefore be denied on that basis. She hopes the Board will look carefully at the proximity to parks, the school 4 blocks away and the residential character of that neighborhood. Although she thought a previous speaker had a better suggestion, she presented hers which was to consider allowing a gun shop on Providence Highway. Providence Highway is front and center in the town, but it is not a residential neighborhood, or near a school, park, playground or places where children congregate. It would be legal and might discourage the gun shop because of high leasing costs. She thought the other alternative of the Adult zone might also be possible.

Beth Gleason responded that she lives right behind the new Starbucks off Providence Highway and there are little neighborhoods all through there that are full of small children, many with special needs. As much as she appreciated what Ms. Martin said, she really hopes the gun shop does not go up on Dedham Providence Highway.

Chairman Bethoney addressed Ms. Gleason's comment. The Board when speaking about Route 1 and Providence Highway as a commercial area has often heard from people that it's their neighborhood. He would not support creating an entire zone that would allow the purchase and sale of firearms because an entire zone would affect residential properties. He then addressed Anna Regis who mentioned the Adult Use Overlay District. When the Planning Board considered a district related to adult uses, they looked for a place that was away from schools, residential homes, houses of worship, playgrounds, etc., but that could also be legally defensible if challenged. It was the opinion of Dedham's counsel that this zone met the criteria because it consisted of multiple parcels with multiple owners. Town Meeting voted unanimously to approve it and there hasn't been an adult use place there yet. There has to be an interested tenant and a willing landlord. So Dedham has the Adult Use Overlay District that was well defined, researched significantly, deemed legally defensible and exists today.

Annette Eddy
2 Cynthia Road

Ms. Eddy lives in Greenlodge, not East Dedham, and no longer has any children in Dedham. However, she cannot believe that her elected officials that she trusts would put a gun store right next to a playground. She asked the Board to think of the future of Dedham and the children that live here. She said if they search their souls, they will realize that it just is not the place for a gun store.

Margaret Adams
255 East Street

Ms. Adams had 3 points. 1) She echoed that Rt. 1 is part of a residential neighborhood and that all commercial areas in Dedham are also residential. 2) She mentioned a comment made at a previous meeting that guns have been sold at the two locations without incident and so there's this feeling that this is an emotional issue. And it is. If you've been the victim of violence, you'd feel it and know it's real. Ms. Adams was a 21 year old teacher when she sat with 25 first graders in a closet because there was an armed shooter in the school. Gun violence is not a fantasy or a theory. The majority of violence is among young people and suicide; access to guns increases suicide. This is a public health issue and requires a response that takes that into consideration. Young people, veterans and elderly are at risk. Case law says that a municipality has the right to prohibit this type of business without limiting people's right to the Second Amendment. She advocated that the Town has the no's across the board and the community deserves better. 3) She addressed the Planning Board that Dedham needs to look at the types of businesses it wants to attract. A gun shop is first, next is vaping. Smoking shops that are becoming lucrative is another. Does Dedham have zoning laws for that? She works at a community that is looking at an ordinance about vacant stores and the responsibility of landlords. Times are changing. The little coffee shops, ice cream stores and restaurants currently in Dedham are really challenging for small business owners. Those aren't the lucrative ones that are going to make money and be sustainable. The Planning Board and the town needs to consider ordinances, planning and policy that allows for a community that is vibrant, safe, and that we all want to be a part of.

Robert O'Connell
101 Jersey Street

Mr. O'Connell had handouts for the Board and spoke loquaciously on his support for a gun shop. He stated this is a town of 26,000 people, not 500, and not 2,000. He read from his handout: States with the Most and Least Gun Violence, See Where your State Stacks Up. Massachusetts has the least gun deaths, but if you look at the violent crime rate, we're rated 23rd highest in the country. The top 3 states in New England that have no gun restrictions are Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire and they have the lowest crime rates in that order. Of all gun deaths in the United States, 60% is suicide. He said we should focus on what's driving the suicide because it's not guns, it's mental health issues. The people there have the privilege to stand there tonight and talk to the Board because of guns. Because there is evil out there. He referenced the first page of

the handout which says that the main cause of the Parkland shooting was a failure of policy, lack of accountability and human negligence. He asked why he and other gun owners in Dedham should be punished for that. America was built on guns, God and country. It disturbed him to hear his elected officials speak out against an inanimate object, the great equalizer that empowers and protects innocent lives against evil. In every school shooting, the shooter was shot by another man with a gun. Life, liberty and the right to pursue happiness, but that doesn't mean the right to infringe on his happiness. He doesn't appreciate people telling him how to live his life.

Chairman Bethoney asked Mr. O'Connell if he thought guns should be allowed to be sold in town and should that location be regulated and pre-determined.

Mr. O'Connell replied that it was the Board's job to regulate and pre-determine, but that a total abolishment of gun sales anywhere is not fair to the people that want to have them. It should be zoned. But we should look at addressing the internet syndrome and disconnection from human life. What drives somebody to go to a store, buy a gun and kill a large quantity of people? That's the issue. He left it up to the Board.

Chairman Bethoney reminded the audience that they were not there to discuss whether or not a gun shop should be allowed on Buzzy Street. The charge was to discuss future regulation of the sale of firearms in the Town of Dedham. The Planning Board has no purview over whether or not a gun establishment can open on Buzzy Street.

Bernadette Chirokas

132 Colwell Drive

Mrs. Chirokas has 3 children: 20, 18 and 13. She's involved with several town committees and was involved with the development of the Buzzy Street playground at Bantom Park which is particularly for children with developmental disabilities. Last Thursday night, 545 CEOs of major US companies submitted a letter to the Senate stating that gun violence in America is preventable and we need our law makers to support common sense gun laws that prevent tragedies like this. She presumed that it falls within the purview of the Zoning Committee to set common sense laws that will prevent gun violence by fighting and preventing a gun shop at all or mandating the size of the gun shop or the types of weapons it can sell. Because of her children, she has spent a lot of time in hospitals and has seen the toll of gun violence on the victims and their families. The Brady United Against Gun Violence foundation says every day in the US 21 children and teens under the age of 17 are shot, mostly due to improperly stored or misused guns. She said children are harmed either by fire, poisoning or some other accident due to situations within a household run by adults where things were improperly used or stored or made available to children and it's perfectly possible that the same could happen with guns. Because her fear of this is so strong, she forbade her children to play at houses where there was a gun in the home.

Mary Lou Wofford

59 Richards Street

Mrs. Wofford asked the Board if their definition of firearms businesses included a firing range as she would not want to see one near a playground.

Chairman Bethoney referred the question to Attorney Eichman who responded that the Article considered firearms businesses only. The Chair asked if the bylaw could be amended prior to Town Meeting.

Attorney Eichman said that if the Board were going to prohibit a use that might otherwise now be allowed, there should have been proper notice of an amendment for that purpose. Chairman Bethoney confirmed that it could, however, be accomplished at a future town meeting.

Margaret Adams asked if she could submit a motion to prohibit firing ranges in the Town of Dedham by Sept. 13 when the warrant closes or could any other town meeting member of the town do that?

Attorney Eichman said there is a process for petitioning an article onto the warrant. If it is a zoning bylaw, however, it still has to go through this same process, be referred to the Planning Board and a Public Hearing has to be held. A group of residents could bring that forward.

Ms. Adams asked if it could be on the fall warrant at the November town meeting to which he replied if it was made in a timely fashion and satisfied those requirements.

Jonathan Pape
276 Sprague Street

Mr. Pape stated he is a Town Meeting member. He asked if the Board voted no and it was challenged, would the firearms business be able to open. He also asked what other repercussions there could be.

Chairman Bethoney said the Board asked Counsel to provide information in memo form related to things that would be pertinent to this hearing, including applicable case law, whether a complete prohibition could be allowed, what the likelihood of a challenge would be, what other municipalities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have completely banned the sale of firearms, and what would the repercussions of a successful challenge against a total ban mean for any establishments already existing.

Attorney Eichman paraphrased the afore mentioned memo of Sept. 12. He addressed the last question first. One practical implication would be that a challenger to that bylaw would ask for a preliminary injunction when they filed the complaint. The injunction would prevent the application of that bylaw while the litigation goes forward. So there is a possibility during that time, if the injunction is granted by the court, that someone could apply for a permit and the permit could move forward under the current bylaw. That permit would eventually be subject to whatever the result of the case was.

Mr. McGrail asked Attorney Eichman how long this type of appeal usually takes to be settled. Attorney Eichman said litigation like this typically attracts a lot of attention and money. Generally, that means it will prolong litigation. If appeals go up a number of levels in the court system, that would prolong it as well. Under 6 months is highly unlikely, 2 years would not be out of the question.

Mr. McGrail then asked if the Board proposed a bylaw that prohibited the sale of firearms everywhere except in one specific location, would the likelihood of a challenge prevail. Would the bylaw be more defensible. Attorney Eichman replied that if the location was feasible, it would be more defensible.

Chairman Bethoney asked if any other communities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have prohibited gun sales to which Attorney Eichman replied no. The Chairman asked why and Eichman said he didn't know.

Dave Gleason asked if a zoning law could be put in place prohibiting a gun sale within a certain distance from a park or school to which the Chair said yes.

Mr. O'Connell said that one of his handouts listed the 7 states with the strictest gun laws. Together, they had 14,716 gun homicides—under the strictest gun laws in the country. That's 40% of the gun murders segregated to cities.

Ms. Adams asked Counsel if there were any other communities that denied permits to gun shops via their planning board process even though they don't prohibit them outright. Attorney Eichman said they had not

looked into that. It would be difficult to look at the records of 332 communities in Massachusetts to see if special permits were denied. They could try through Google.

Chairman Bethoney requested that the public hearing remain open, that the members reflect on the testimony, and invited them to speak to town counsel, other elected officials, and other community members about the zoning amendment. The hearing would be continued to another date and then go to a public meeting.

Ms. Porter said she counted approximately 60 people and appreciated hearing support from all over town that East Dedham and residential areas are not a place where they want to see firearms. Most people are supportive of some form of regulation and taking it to the Supreme Court, however a total ban could leave the town more vulnerable to having firearms dealers than not. She asked the audience if their ideas about taking this issue to the Supreme Court had changed after hearing Town Counsel? Some in the audience said yes, some said no.

Ms. Porter said a complete ban could make it more likely to have a firearms dealer in Dedham in the short term, than if the Board was to recommend that gun permits be allowed by Special Permit only in the Adult Use Overlay District. Given the probability of a complete ban being challenged by entities with much deeper pockets than the town, should Dedham risk it and go to the Supreme Court or start with the Adult District, get it in place, and then visit a possible ban in a few years? She noted a mixture of nodding and shaking heads.

She asked if the Board wanted to start a different zoning article regarding the firing range to get it into the warrant tomorrow and then there would be a separate public hearing process. This would not mean the Board would endorse it. She would also be interested in asking key people to look at the Everett bylaw as a model, particularly at the exact geography of their adult district and how it compares, since it was approved in 2018 and passed the Attorney General's review.

Chairman Bethoney said he would ask Mr. Rosenberger to compare Dedham's Adult Overlay Use District bylaw to Everett's bylaw, side by side, distance to distance, and use to use.

Ms. Porter said her reason for that is since the district was established, the nature of the boundaries have changed, there's more residences and the potential that Wigwam pond could become a recreational area. Mr. McGrail commented that most of the 10 Points of the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership and Voluntary Code that Ms. Kijas provided made sense. He asked Counsel if there would be any problems with the Board adopting all of these points as a recommendation to Town Meeting.

Attorney Eichman said he would need to study that more to understand if the points are the subject of zoning or more of a safety regulation that the Chief of Police should be looking at. The Chair asked Attorney Eichman to look into that.

Mr. O'Brien asked, assuming that Dedham placed firearms sales in the adult district, would the gun store proposed in East Dedham be grandfathered in to remain in East Dedham and not be assigned to the adult district? Attorney Eichman said that grandfathered uses are very fact specific. State law says that the grandfathering period starts when the first notice of a Planning Board Hearing on a proposed zoning bylaw is issued. As long as that zoning bylaw is adopted, a use is only grandfathered from that zoning bylaw if it is either in effect or if a building or special permit has been issued before the first notice of the public hearing.

Mr. O'Brien asked if it could be challenged. Attorney Eichman said State law is clear. It is not a question of being challenged, but how it applies to the facts of the application, etc.

Chairman Bethoney stated the next meetings were Sept. 16 and Oct. 10.

Motion: To make sure the Board's recommendation on the zoning articles get properly inserted on the warrant, he sought a motion to continue the public hearing on Oct. 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the same location. It was moved and seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Vote: The vote was unanimous at 5-0.

Discussion: There was discussion about the availability of the location.

Motion: The Chair sought a motion to change the venue from the Dedham Middle School to the Town Hall on Oct. 3rd. The motion was made and seconded.

Vote: The vote was unanimous at 5-0.

Old Business / New Business

Chairman Bethoney confirmed that there was no other business to discuss.

Adjourn

Motion: A move was made to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Porter.

Vote: The vote was unanimous at 5-0.