

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 14, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Poletto, Councilman Salvi, Councilman Casale and Councilman Sullivan.

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi, and Town Clerk, Susan Quest-Sherman.

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. and instructed the Town Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing which was published in the Troy Record and placed on the Town Sign Board and on the website.

Mr. Gilchrist explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust application to amend the Brunswick Square Planned Development District. Referrals have been completed and recommendations have been received.

Mr. Adam Fishel, an engineer and representative of Wal-Mart gave an overview of the history of the parcel and the proposed expansion. The project will include storm water and wetland enhancements.

Mr. Charles Jordan, Architect for the project showed the new proposed façade and new entrances of the building and proposed signage. They have requested the addition of a pylon sign.

Ms. Amy Dake, of SRF Associates addressed traffic concerns and the 2008 traffic study. No off site mitigation is required but improvements will be made to the driveway.

Mr. Fishel mentioned that they have been meeting with the ZBA and Planning Board and adjusting the project with concerns about green space and the parking lot.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Mrs. Delores Holmes, McChesney Ave., is concerned with the volume and speed of traffic on McChesney Ave.

Mr. Jim Murray, McChesney Ave., is concerned with the hours of construction. He would like construction to not commence before 7:00 a.m. and would like to see restrictions for deliveries. He would like the dead trees replaced and would like the Town to check the current compliance on signage and wetlands.

Mary Beth Slevin explained that the wetlands on the site are lacking but that was attributable to the original developer and will be corrected with the amended PDD.

Mr. Don Hallet, Hoosick Rd., asked about the proposed sidewalks. He is concerned with the width of McChesney Ave and parking on the site. He has difficulty pulling out of his driveway because of the traffic on Hoosick.

Mr. Michael Medved, Riccardi Lane, asked about additional tax revenue and jobs. He believes that Price Chopper needs competition.

Mr. Jim Tkacik believes this is a good project. He doesn't like the proposed signage. He likes the parking lot frontage in the Clifton Park Wal-Mart with a lot of trees and grass. He doesn't think they need so much parking. He suggests that Wal-Mart look at their parking lot videos to see how much parking is really necessary.

Supervisor Herrington has also been concerned with the loss of plantings on the Route 7 side of the project. He also complimented Manager Theresa Benaquista on the present condition of the Store.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Poletto made a motion to close the Public Hearing and allow for an additional 10 days for written comments, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. The hearing adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Quest-Sherman
Town Clerk

Note: An audio compact disc of this meeting is available in the Town Clerk's Office.