

WORK SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The work session of September 10, 2007, was called to order by Chairman Barry Winston at 7:00 p.m. The notice of the Open Public Meeting Law was read.

Roll Call

Present: Harvey Rubinstein, Peter Kortright III, Deputy Mayor Marty Etler, Todd Malkin, Joseph D'Arco, Honey Morgenstern, Michael Cohen, Chairman Barry Winston, Phil Cassidy, Alan Neggia, Larry Metzger
Absent: Honey Morgenstern

Also Present: Board Engineer John Rottenbucher, Board Attorney Douglas Bern and Board Secretary Cathy Hochkeppel

Statutory Review of Ordinance No. 2086-2007

Chairman Barry Winston commented that he agrees with regulating the PODS, but the 7 day period is too short. Deputy Mayor Marty Etler disagreed and stated that PODS are not designed to sit in front yards 6-8 months. Chairman Barry Winston stated that residents should have the ability to make minor repairs and to keep their furniture from becoming destroyed due to dust.

Phil Cassidy explained that if the POD is going to be removed for storage, the items must be stored in a different way. Todd Malkin commented that putting the items in storage creates more costs to the homeowner. Board Attorney Douglas Bern explained that improvements to the residences encourage economic vitality. Phil Cassidy stated that there are other companies that have containers that cannot be placed in storage. Larry Metzger agreed that seven days is too short. Most Board members felt that the time limit should be thirty days to load and thirty days to unload. Deputy Mayor Marty Etler disagreed.

Michael Cohen stated that he thought six months was not unreasonable. It was the consensus of the Board members that a recommendation be made that the ordinance be amended to thirty days rather than seven as seven days is onerous on the homeowner. Deputy Mayor Marty Etler dissented.

Harvey Rubinstein commented on the synagogue on Plaza Road where trees were taken down. They now have a huge banner. Ms. Hochkeppel will have property maintenance look into the issue.

The Board members reviewed the memo from Board Attorney Douglas Bern regarding site visits. The law does not preclude visits and it does not mandate it.

Upon motion by Todd Malkin and a second by Larry Metzger, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Hochkeppel
Land Use Administrator/
Secretary of the Planning Board

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