

Planning Board  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
2:30 P. M., City Hall  
Thursday, August 3, 1972

2:30 P. M. - Meeting - Room 209, City Hall

1. Call to order
2. High Street abandonment
3. Date of next meeting
4. Any other business
5. Adjournment

The Planning Board met for a meeting on Thursday, August 3, 1972 in Room 209, City Hall.

Members present were: Vice Chairman Lloyd Anderson, Roger W. Bruce, Clerk Frederic R. Butler and Chairman Carlton B. Payson. Others present were: Attorney Charles Abdella, Planning Director Gerard F. McNeil and Chief Engineer John J. Reney.

Call to order. Chairman Payson called the meeting to order at 2:30 P. M.

High Street abandonment. Douglas Liston, Engineer with Thompson-Liston Associates, showed the Board the plans for High Street abandonment. He stated a 20" high pressure line will stay with the city and other utilities abandoned or will become property of Worcester County National Bank.

Commissioner of Public Works Vincent Hynes wrote a letter to City Manager McGrath stating Worcester County National Bank will pay \$19,000.00 to the city as the balance of all financial considerations.

Mr. Anderson asked Traffic Engineer Robert Johnson if he was satisfied with the plan regarding traffic and Mr. Johnson said he was.

The Board after further discussion, will recommend to the Council that High Street from Pleasant Street to Aldrich Street be abandoned to allow for the expansion program of Worcester County National Bank subject to:

1. An easement be granted to the City for land at the corner of Pleasant Street and Main Street containing approximately 200 square feet as shown on a plan submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works in exchange for the High Street easement.
2. All municipal utility lines be removed from High Street between Aldrich Street and Pleasant Street, and if necessary be relocated; all relocation to be at the expense of the petitioner.

3. A high service water line supplying a hydrant in Barton Place and the sprinkler system of Kresge's be relocated by the petitioner and constructed of high strength material, and an easement be granted the city if required.
4. The petition requesting removal of Barton Place, a private way, from the Official Map be acted upon favorably.
5. Any other utilities which might have to be constructed, relocated or abandoned because of the removal of High Street, be at the expense of the petitioner.

Mr. Anderson moved that the above be done and Mr. Bruce seconded it. It was unanimously voted.

Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting was scheduled for September 6.

Washington Heights - Williamsberg Drive and Outlook Drive. Mr. John Reney in a letter to the Planning Board, suggested to bond the subdivision to include lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 an amount in the sum of \$120,000 to cover construction of Williamsberg Drive and Outlook Drive.

Mr. Anderson made a motion that the above be done and Mr. Butler seconded it. All were in favor.

Appointees to the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. McNeil read a letter from City Manager McGrath to Mr. McNeil in which he stated he will name four appointees to the Regional Planning Commission, and asked for suggestions as to who could be considered for such an appointment. Mr. McNeil suggested that the recommendations be made after the next Planning Board meeting. It was agreed.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P. M.