

PUBLIC HEARING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 2007

KENDALL-DEAN SCHOOL

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and began with the prayer and the pledge to the flag. Council members present were Mr. Keeley, Mr. Leclerc, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Zwolenski and Mrs. Thibault. Town Administrator Lowe and Town Solicitor Hadden were also present.

This is a continuation of a public hearing to consider amendments to the North Smithfield zoning ordinance.

Fencing

Mr. Keeley provided Mr. Hadden with some information that may allow him to extend the scope of the ordinance to include graffiti. His next draft will incorporate the changes.

Town Planner Michael Phillips commented that the Planning Board spent 45 minutes going through the fencing ordinance. Although there were a couple of items they considered amending, the Board basically wanted to leave the original ordinance as it was.

Mr. Hadden had researched a state statute that provides a right of action to anyone who is a neighbor to a spite fence.

Wetland and Water Body Setbacks

Mr. Phillips just received information today from URI that he had been awaiting. They suggested including additional language for variances and special use permits.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Leclerc, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to continue this public hearing on amendments to the North Smithfield zoning ordinance regarding wetland and water body setbacks and fencing to May 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Todd, Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 2007

KENDALL-DEAN SCHOOL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

WORKSHOP

The meeting began at 7:35 P.M. The prayer and the pledge to the flag were waived. Council members present were Mr. Keeley, Mr. Leclerc, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Zwolenski and Mrs. Thibault. Town Administrator Lowe and Town Solicitor Hadden were also in attendance.

RESOLUTION RE: DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Leclerc, and voted

**unanimously on a roll call vote to accept the following resolution:
“WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Central Landfill has initiated a new
policy**

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of charging municipalities \$15.00 per mattress or box spring for disposal; and WHEREAS, In order to compensate for this additional charge, the Town has established a new procedure for mattress and box spring pick-up that will require residents to pay the \$15.00 fee, per item, at the highway department. At that time the resident will receive a sticker to be placed on each item. The item will then be collected by the Highway Division after payment is received. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of North Smithfield hereby accepts and adopts this process of collecting mattresses and box springs.”

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL – J. FONTAINE

Mr. Lowe has been approached by Jeffrey Fontaine to erect a granite memorial dedicated to residents who died serving in Vietnam. He would like to place the monument at the park located at Carpenter’s Corner and his plans include landscaping, illuminating the flag pole and replacing the flag. Jeffrey will be soliciting donations to complete the project.

Mr. Lowe noted that the town must receive permission from the State

to allow placement of this memorial at the park since this parcel of land is leased.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Keeley, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to craft a letter to the State of Rhode Island in support of this memorial.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Leclerc, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to adjourn the special meeting at 7:55 P.M. and return to the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Todd, Town Clerk