

Town of Brighton
Development Review Board
Minutes of Hearing Held November 18, 2020

Re: David Towns

Application No. 35-20

A public hearing pursuant to Section 505 (Site Plan Review) as it relates to Section 210(1) Village District, of the Town of Brighton Zoning Bylaws was held November 18, 2020 on the above entitled application for a Site Plan Review for a permit as filed by David Towns. The proposed construction is the addition of a deck on the front and side of the commercial property at 99 Cross St., Island Pond, Vermont.

Due notice of said hearing was provided to the following adjacent property owners:

Town of Brighton
Island Pond Historical Society
David & Melinda Lamoureux
DG Strategic II LLC

Notices were mailed by Certified Return Receipt on November 2, 2020.

Public Notice was posted in three locations in town, namely, the Town Clerk's Office, and the bulletin boards outside the Island Pond Post Office and the Railroad Depot Building. It was also published in the Caledonian Record.

A site visit was held at subject property on November 18, 2020 at 2:45 p.m., with board members Pete Pederson, Alan Wing, Stacey Roesse, Alan Magoon, Mike Clarke and Margaret Muraca (Clerk). David Towns, the applicant, was present. Co-owner of the business, Jim Towns was also present.

At the site David and Jim Towns explained their intentions; to construct a front deck/side deck. In addition a roof will be installed to cover the side deck. The existence of appropriate parking and lighting were noted.

The public hearing was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Pete Pederson, Chair, with all the above named board members present. David Towns, (the applicant) was present. Jim Towns, co-owner was also present.

The chair read the warning that was publicly posted.

It was noted that the application was dated October 28, 2020 and referred to this Board on October 30, 2020, by the Zoning Administrator for a site plan review.

David and Jim Towns, were sworn in by Pete Pederson.

It was noted that there were no Public or Abutters in attendance.

S505 Site Plan Review:

No zoning permit shall be issued by the Zoning Administrator for any use or structure except for one and two unit dwellings until the Development Review Board Grants site plan approval after public notice and hearing and in accordance with 24 V.S.A. s4416. In reviewing site plans, the Development Review Board may impose appropriate safeguards with respect to the following:

- A. The adequacy of parking
- B. Traffic access and circulation for pedestrians and vehicles
- C. Landscaping and screening
- D. The protection of the utilization of renewable energy resources
- E. Exterior Lighting
- F. The size, location, and design of signs
- G. Erosion and sedimentation control
- H. Snow removal

The applicant verified for the Board members the dimensions of the deck; 40ft X 25 ft. The front deck will be 6 ft in width and the side deck will provide seating space overlooking the lake. The current light fixtures will remain, with additional lighting to be installed. The site plan review specifications were reviewed as they related to the proposed addition. The structure will be handicapped accessible. All attendees were given the opportunity to make comment and /or ask questions.

The applicant, was then excused and the deliberative session was called to order. A review of Section 505 Site Plan Review; verified the adequacy of parking, traffic access (including snowmobiles), landscaping, protection of renewable energy resources, exterior lighting, signage, erosion control, and snow removal. Stacey Roese made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Alan Wing. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Dated at Brighton(Island Pond), Vermont this 18th day of November 2020.

Margaret Muraca, Clerk
Development Review Board
Town of Brighton

cc: Pete Pederson
David Towns, Applicant
Town of Brighton, Clerks Office
Joel Cope, Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator

Findings of Facts

The following facts were found at the public hearing held November 18, 2020.

1. The hearing was called to order by the Chair at 3:00 p.m. and it was noted that the site visit was made by the Board Members and others as previously named.
2. The warning was read by the Chair.
3. David and Jim Towns were sworn in by Pete Pederson, Chair. The Chair also asked Board Members if they had any concerns.
4. Requirements found in Sec 505 of the Town of Brighton Zoning Bylaws relative to the proposed addition were discussed. The Development Review Board may render a decision in favor of the appellant only if all of the delineated facts are found and the findings are specified in its written decision (see previously stated Sec 505 facts).

The Board determined that the site plan/application submitted meets all of the requirements. As such, the Board finds that no additional requirements are needed as long as the use does not exceed/change as is stated in the application.

Conclusion of the Law

The following conclusions were determined from the public hearing held on November 18, 2020:

Per the town's Zoning map the subject property is located in the "Village" District in Sec. 210(1) of the Zoning Bylaws.

Further, Sec. 505 of the Zoning Bylaws provided the safeguards the Board is to take into consideration when reviewing site plans and the Board finds that all issues specified therein have been adequately addressed by the applicant.

Deliberative Session

The deliberative session followed the public meeting with the same board members in attendance.

Following discussion of the applicants' request for a Site Plan Review the following motion was made :

Stacey Roesse made the motion to approve the site plan, for a deck addition and roof construction, subject to criteria under Section 505, of the Zoning Bylaws. Alan Wing seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

The deliberative session closed at 3:15 p.m.

Dated at Brighton(Island Pond), Vermont this 18th day of November 2020.

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cc: David Towns, Applicant
Pete Pederson, Chair DRB
Town of Brighton, Clerks Office
Joel Cope, Town Administrator, ZA

**Town of Brighton
Development Review Board**

RE: David Towns
PO Box 444, Island Pond, Vt. 05846
Application # 30-20

Decision

A public hearing pursuant to Section 505 of the Town of Brighton Zoning Bylaws was held November 18, 2020 on the above entitled application for a Site Plan Review/Zoning permit as filed by David Towns for the addition of a deck at a commercial building at 99 Cross St., Island Pond, Vermont.

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A site visit on November 18, 2020 preceded the public hearing. Board members who visited the site were Pete Pederson, Alan Wing, Stacey Roese, Alan Magoon, Mike Clarke and Margaret Muraca(clerk). Also present were David Towns (applicant) and co-owner Jim Towns.

The public hearing followed the site visit with the above named board members in attendance, as well as David and Jim Towns. In a unanimous vote the Development Review Board Members:

Pete Pederson
Alan Wing
Stacey Roese
Alan Magoon
Mike Clarke
Margaret Muraca

voted to APPROVE the site Plan concerning the property located at 99 Cross St., Island Pond, Vermont provided the conditions stated previously are met.

Appeal Rights

If you should disagree with the Board's Decision, you may appeal to the Environmental Court. Such appeal must be made within thirty(30) days of the date of the decision. Failure to appeal within this thirty (30) day period will result in the loss of your appeal rights and this Decision shall be considered final.

Dated at Brighton (Island Pond) Vermont this 18th day of November 2020.

Margaret Muraca, Clerk
Development Review Board

cc: David Towns, Applicant
Pete Pederson, Chair, DRB
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