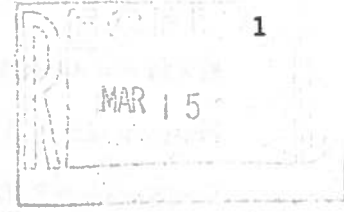


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WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

RE: 637 PARK ROAD

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06107-2431
FEBRUARY 24, 2004
6:30 P.M.

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1 . . .Verbatim Proceedings of a hearing
2 before the West Hartford Town Council in the matter of
3 637 Park Road held on February 24, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at
4 the West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West
5 Hartford, Connecticut. . .

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9 MAYOR JONATHAN HARRIS: Open the public
10 hearing. Mr. Slifka, if you could read into the record.

11 MR. SCOTT SLIFKA: Petition on behalf of
12 KWK Park Center, LLC for a change in zoning
13 classification from RO (Residential Office) district to
14 RM-1, (Multi Family Residence District) an amendment to
15 the existing Special Development District plan at 637
16 Park road to permit restoration and conversion of
17 existing structure into two residential condominium units
18 together with construction of three new buildings
19 containing a total of fourteen additional units.

20 MAYOR HARRIS: Thank you, Mr. Slifka. Roll
21 call, please, Mrs. Cronin.

22 (Whereupon, roll call was taken.)

23 MAYOR HARRIS: Thank you, Mrs. Cronin.

24 Before this hearing, I'd like to just outline the

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1 precedent that the Town Council has used for public
2 hearings such as this. And that is first we'll hear from
3 the applicant and then we will open it up to the public.
4 We do have a sign up sheet. If you haven't signed up, I
5 will call on people that haven't signed up also, so don't
6 worry about that. And then, of course, the applicant will
7 get to have some concluding remarks.

8 So, first, will be Mr. Brady, the
9 applicant.

10 MR. GERALD BRADY: Mr. Harris and members
11 of the Council, I have just learned minutes ago that we
12 do not have a full quorum here tonight. And under the
13 circumstances, I think it is wise for us to have the
14 matter continued or whatever be adjourned to the next
15 time that the Council can meet with us.

16 MAYOR HARRIS: That would be March 9th and
17 we have hearings scheduled already for that night. What
18 time are the other --

19 MR. SLIFKA: -- 6:00 and 6:30.

20 MAYOR HARRIS: Would this just be
21 something, Mr. O'Brien, that we would just continue the
22 hearing? I could just continue it to the dates or any
23 time certain.

24 MR. JOSEPH O'BRIEN: Yes, you could do

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1 that, yes.

2 MR. CHUCK COURSEY: Mr. Mayor.

3 MAYOR HARRIS: Mr. Coursey.

4 MR. COURSEY: Is there -- I mean I can
5 understand not having the quorum to vote, but if we began
6 to take testimony and then if Dr. Thornberry was able to
7 read -- review the record and bring herself up to speed,
8 if we just go tonight. Many people have taken time out
9 of their schedules to come here tonight and I think that
10 we should do whatever we can to accommodate them.

11 MAYOR HARRIS: Thank you, Mr. Coursey. And
12 all that would be required of Mrs. Thornberry would be to
13 read the record.

14 MR. O'BRIEN: That's correct. She would
15 have to read a transcript of the record and review
16 exhibits and so forth. No?

17 Mr. Alair has indicated that under the
18 Charter, a Councilor has to be in active attendance for a
19 zoning hearing, not in an ordinance.

20 MAYOR HARRIS: Because an ordinance we
21 could have a --

22 MR. O'BRIEN: -- exactly. Exactly.

23 MAYOR HARRIS: It's a good suggestion, Mr.
24 Coursey.

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1 MR. COURSEY: It's a rookie mistake.

2 MAYOR HARRIS: We all -- no comment.

3 March 9th then?

4 MR. BRADY: March 9th, did you say? 6:30,
5 did I hear you say?

6 MAYOR HARRIS: Well, no. I think we'd need
7 to actually go -- I would say 5:15 or 5:00 maybe would
8 probably be the best for that night.

9 MR. BRADY: That's fine.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: We can also do the 23rd.

11 MAYOR HARRIS: We could move it to the --

12 MR. BRADY: -- obviously, we'd prefer
13 earlier not later.

14 MAYOR HARRIS: But we already have the
15 public hearing set. Why don't we do it for March 23rd
16 then? Why don't we do it for March 23 at 6:00.

17 MR. BRADY: That's fine. Can you give me
18 a little advice on the question of the sign. We have the
19 sign up and I got the statement here saying that it has
20 been up for the proper amount of days and so on. What is
21 the procedure on this? Do we replant it after 7 days
22 before the next date or how would you like us to --

23 MAYOR HARRIS: Once the hearing opens
24 you're okay. The sign is up and it does not need to --

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1 you don't need -- this affidavit is sufficient. Is that
2 what the opinion is?

3 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.

4 MR. BRADY: So as far as we're concerned,
5 we can take the sign down and return it, correct?

6 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.

7 MAYOR HARRIS: We'll recap what's going
8 on. There has been a request, since there is not a full
9 complement of Councilors here, to continue the hearing.
10 The first suggestion was continuing it to the 9th. But
11 since we would have to start too early, although it would
12 go late enough that you would still be able to be heard,
13 I believe, we wouldn't, obviously, preclude people from
14 coming in and being heard as they came in. But for
15 everybody to be able to be hear, hear everything, be on
16 the same page, so we have a full opportunity it would be
17 best to have it on March 23. And we're going to set the
18 public hearing for March 23 beginning at 6:00.

19 The question then became about the sign,
20 whether the sign posted notifying the public of the
21 zoning application pending needed to remain in the
22 ground. That just refers to that application. Now, Mr.
23 O'Brien, there is nothing that says it can't remain in
24 the ground though.

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1 MR. O'BRIEN: It can remain. It's not
2 required though.

3 MAYOR HARRIS: Right.

4 MR. O'BRIEN: He's done it the seven days
5 before the public hearing, so it's been open, so he can
6 take it down now or leave it in whichever he chooses.

7 MAYOR HARRIS: You can take it down or
8 leave it in by law. The more notice people have the
9 better, Mr. Slifka?

10 MR. SLIFKA: Does the sign currently
11 depict that there is going to be a public hearing
12 tonight?

13 MR. O'BRIEN: No, it doesn't have a date
14 on it, no. It says to inquire in the Planner's office.

15 MR. SLIFKA: Is there a suggestion from
16 Mr. O'Brien or Mr. Feldman, perhaps, as to how we could
17 perhaps communicate that this has been continued?

18 MR. O'BRIEN: We have to renote it in
19 the newspaper. So -- and I think customarily we send
20 letters to residents within a certain radius of the
21 property, so those would go out again as well.

22 MAYOR HARRIS: As far as notice to the
23 hearing, I would also -- I'd like -- I like signs being
24 up if that's not a problem, but --

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1 MR. BRADY: -- it's not a problem, we're
2 just checking every day to make sure it hasn't blown down
3 or whatever.

4 MAYOR HARRIS: Okay.

5 MR. BRADY: This is not a happy
6 circumstance, as far as I'm concerned, but I do think in
7 fairness to my client that we're doing the right thing.
8 And I think that I would just apologize to you folks for
9 any inconvenience to you.

10 MAYOR HARRIS: Thank you, Mr. Brady. We
11 also apologize to you and to the public. There was an
12 illness at the last minute. We did attempt to call our
13 alternates to get our alternate here within the last hour
14 or so and were unable to do so. So --

15 MR. BRADY: -- thank you very much.

16 MAYOR HARRIS: We will continue the public
17 hearing to March 23 at 6:00 p.m.

18 We'll adjourn now to the Council meeting.

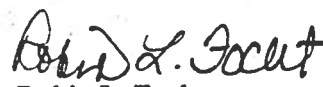
19 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at
20 6:45 p.m.)

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