

**Town of Ayer**  
**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 5, 2008**  
**Ayer Town Hall**  
**1 Main Street**  
**Ayer, MA. 01432**

7:00 PM

In attendance: Mr. Peter Johnston-Chair, Ms. Jennifer Gibbons-Clerk, Mr. Mark Fermanian, Mr. Steve Wentzell, and Mr. Glenn Garber (newly appointed member)  
(Susan Sullivan/Office Mgr)

Administrative:

Mr. Peter Johnston welcomed Mr. Glenn Garber to the Planning Board.

Appointments:

Mark Fermanian motioned to appoint Jennifer Gibbons to MRPC

Jennifer accepted as Chris Ryan is the appointee for BOS and possibly they could “cover” if the other could not make a meeting once and a while.

Steve Wentzell 2<sup>nd</sup> VOTE 5-0 All in Favor

Mark Fermanian motioned to appoint Glenn Garber to CPAC.

Mr. Garber accepted if the meetings are Tuesday nights.

Steve Wentzell 2<sup>nd</sup> VOTE 5-0 All in Favor

(MRTC still available)

General Business:

- Bennett’s Brook Road Bond-release to DPW

Letter from Mike Madigan requesting balance of bond be released to DPW for much needed repairs.

Mark Fermanian Motioned to release the remaining balance (DPW to check balance with GPR engineering) of Bennett’s Brook Bond to the DPW so that repairs may be made as needed.

Jennifer Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> VOTE 5-0 All in Favor

- Paul Routhier/Animat (Merrimac Warehouse)

Mr. Routhier stated that the company is 100o/o recycled material and would create 50 to 100 new jobs. Mr. Garber asked if there would be increased noise? Mr. Routhier stated that there would be no noise increase as they run 100o/o elect. Now and will be running 24 hours/day. The Board questioned emissions. Mr. Routhier assured the Board that all permits have been sought and they are following all requirements. Ms. Gibbons asked about fire safety. Mr. Routhier explained that he has been working with the Fire Chief and they currently have a fire pond that will provide water for 4 hours at 2k minute which exceeds any requirements. Board member Glen Garber moved for a consensus vote to support the Animat business as presented.

Mark Fermanian 2<sup>nd</sup> VOTE 5-0 All in favor

- Pueblo Realty/70 Nemco Way (Seth Wilson)

Looking to expand the building by 50 ft. pre-existing paved surface will be utilized for the expansion thus not exceeding any existing storm water run-off and would actually create less run-off. Planning Board requested the following be addressed on the plans: parking, storm water run-off, fire safety, a traffic statement. The Planning Board does not see the need to have the proponent submit a site plan as the expansion is not substantial and hits right on the

25sq. ft. allowable increase mark. The Planning Board requested the proponent come back informally again on July10th, with revised plans including issues of parking, fire safety, storm water run-off, and a traffic study all to be addressed on their final plan.

- Sign committee-update Mark stated the committee is still formulating, Mr. Robola has expressed interest in assisting the committee. Mark will contact him directly.
- Payables:

Jennifer Gibbons Motioned to pay Miyares & Harrington \$1,169.00 for litigation/Kingsbury  
Mark Fermanian 2<sup>nd</sup> VOTE 5-0 All in Favor

Mark Fermanian motioned to adjourn  
Jennifer Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> VOTE 5-0 All in Favor

Adjourn