

**Brentwood Planning Board
Minutes – August 1, 2013**

Members Present: Bruce Stevens, Chairman Kevin Johnston
 Jane Byrne, BOS rep Mark Kennedy, alternate
 Glenn Greenwood, Circuit Rider Planner

Chairman Stevens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Byrne, 2nd by Johnston to give Kennedy and St. Hilaire voting rights: all were in favor.

Public Hearings

7:00 pm – Continued Hearing: Amendment to a previously approved site plan: Sig Sauer tax maps 202.070, 203.018, 203.019, & 203.026

Scott Kennison was present on behalf of the applicant. There were several abutters present for this hearing. Kennison provided a letter from Sig Sauer vice president Bud Fini (on file) that states in part, that they will relocate the Engineering Testing Group to the Exeter facility to perform testing indoors, and will have this done by the end of this year. Most of the noise complaints are from this testing. Stevens explained that most of the activity on the site takes place in Epping, and Kennison said that the noise mitigation to be done will be for the entire property, not just in Brentwood. Stevens said that they previously had discussed with the Board about having a sound study done, and Greenwood, Stevens and St. Hilaire met with Adam Painchaud and Jennifer Tuttle from Sig Arms Tuesday, and Greenwood explained that Sig Sauer does not want to pursue the sound study for a number of reasons. He said everyone understands the sound levels to be loud as a result of the activity, and they have the ability to legally do all their activity on the Epping side, where they have approvals, but do not have approval on the Brentwood portion. At the Tuesday meeting Painchaud said that the sound study would establish what the existing conditions were, he felt it was not necessary, but wants to come to some understanding of how to make those conditions better in the future for both towns. Greenwood said that this Board would like to come to an agreement on Sunday be a “no shooting day”. This is something the abutters have requested all along. Abutters stated that there is shooting as late as 11 pm, and Kennison said that it is not Sig Arms at that hour.

Stevens said that any approvals will be recorded as part of their site plan amendment. He said they are trying to embrace something that would have impact on both towns. The Brentwood portion used is such a small portion that even if the Board were to shut off the use in Brentwood completely, there still would not be much relief for the abutters, so this seems more realistic plan. Stevens said the sound study would be affected by the weather, overcast, damp days, etc. He felt that much of the noise could be mitigated by moving the Research and Development to Exeter. Stevens said that the town of Epping would be provided with any approvals that come from Brentwood. The Board discussed the letter from Sig Arms that offered the following:

1. Effective 1 January 2014 (or sooner) no endurance test firing for manufacturing purposes will be conducted on the Academy property.

The PB asked for an explanation of what “endurance” means.

2. Any periodic needed Academy, Military, or Law Enforcement endurance testing will be conducted in the newly constructed sound baffle device.

The PB asked for more clarity of “periodic” and for a copy of the baffle/silencer Painchaud had Tuesday.

3. Starting 1 January 2014 (or sooner) generic multipurpose outdoor rifle training will make use of silencers (suppressors) when feasible and realistic to the training mission.

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4. Effective 1 January 2014 there will no longer be Sunday un-silenced rifle or shotgun outdoor shooting on the Sig Sauer Academy property. Thus limiting Sunday outdoor shooting to handguns (.45 cal or smaller) only between 12PM and 6PM.
5. Effective 1 January 2014 non-silenced night fire (gunfire after 6PM until 9PM) will be limited to two (2) Wednesdays per month.
6. Starting immediately, the Sig Sauer Academy class schedule will be posted for public viewing from the Sig Sauer Academy website (www.sigsaueracademy.com/schedule).
7. Notify and coordinate with the appropriate towns for “louder than normal” expected activity.
The PB asked for clarity on what is “louder than normal”
8. Completely eliminate un-silenced fully automatic gunfire on weekends.
9. Completely eliminate un-silenced .50 caliber shooting on the weekends.
10. Effective immediately, add July 4th to the “no outdoor shooting” schedule.
11. Increase the use of sub-sonic ammunition when feasible.
12. Construct a new indoor range (Epping) for conducting the majority of rifle training in 2014/2015. These mitigation steps will have an immediate noticeable decrease in the audible footprint from the Sig Sauer Academy. We are confident the people of Brentwood and Epping will be pleased with the noise mitigation steps noted above.
The PB asked that the plan to be recorded clearly states that this mitigation is property wide and will include the Epping and Brentwood portions.

Kennison will bring these requests back to Painchaud and have him send an updated letter.

Abutter Karen Leonard asked Kennison to ask again for the “no Sunday shooting” to give residents back one day.

Motion made by Kennedy, 2nd by Byrne to continue this hearing to August 15 at 7:00 pm: all were in favor. Kennison and the abutters thanked the Board for their time this evening. Stevens thanked the abutters for coming.

Continued Hearing: Site Plan Review: Brentwood Route 125, LLC tax map 201.016 (donut shop)

Joseph Coronati of Jones and Beach Engineers was present representing the applicant this evening. There were no abutters present. He said revised plans show the pavement outside of the side setback, widened the driveway, move the building south a little and move the well location, and did not have to change the retaining wall. They are still waiting for their state permits. Plans show the hours of operation to be 5 am to 12 am. While this is an expansion of hours not normal for Brentwood, members felt that, considering that this is along the commercial corridor and the use, the proposed hours are okay.

A request was submitted for a waiver to the High Intensity Soil Survey.

Motion made by St. Hilaire, 2nd by Stevens to grant the request to waive the requirement for the HISS: all were in favor. Stevens said a majority of the parcel will be put in conservation.

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Also requested was a request for a Conditional Use Permit for the portion of the driveway located in the wetland buffer.

Motion made by Stevens, 2nd by Kennedy to grant a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with RSA 674:21.II and Brentwood's Land Use Document, Article 700.002.009.001, based on the following:

That this meets criteria A: all in favor.

That this meets criteria B: all in favor.

That this meets criteria C: all in favor.

That criteria D is not applicable: all were in favor

The vote to grant the Conditional Use Permit was unanimous.

They have satisfied most of the comments in Steve Cummings July 30 letter, and will take care of any remaining. They will talk to Cummings to get more detail about the porous pavement.

Coronati will work with Nick Cricenti of SFC and Brentwood Fire inspector Jon True to resolve any outstanding issues from the July 24 letter from SFC.

Motion made by Johnston, 2nd by Kennedy to continue this hearing to September 5 at 7:00 pm: all were in favor. Coronati thanked the Board for their time this evening.

Wayne Morrill of Jones and Beach Engineers was present this evening to ask about wetland buffers. He had previously met with the Conservation Commission and they have agreed not to oppose a change in the wetland impact of parcel 204.003, and the CC suggested he speak with the PB. This site has previously received PB approvals, and the property owner wants to amend the site plan. Morrill said they will need to go to the ZBA for a variance, and want to make sure they request enough, to meet any fire protection requirements. Stevens recommended they contact SFC Engineering, but first provide the PB with funding for their work so the office can approve the request. Morrill thanked the Board for their time this evening.

Motion made by Byrne, 2nd by Stevens to approve the minutes of July 18, with the following correction: on the 5th paragraph of page 2, change \$5,120 to \$25,900: all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy St. Hilaire
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Brentwood Planning Board