

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING ON JAN 28, 2020, DOC, 99/2019, PETITION FROM ATTORNEY ROBERT HARB ON BEHALF OF BOSTON HILL FENCE LLC FOR SEASONAL STORAGE IN THE WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ROAD SALT AND OTHER MATERIAL USED FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE ON ROADS AT 977 AMESBURY RD, ASSESSOR'S MAP 439-8-3 & 3A**

**SUBJECT:** Petition from Attorney Robert Harb requesting Special Permit for seasonal storage in the Watershed Protection District of road salt and other material used for the removal of snow and ice on roads at 977 Amesbury Road; Assessor's Map 439-8-3 & 3A.

Present: Council President Melinda Barrett, Council Vice-President Colin LePage, Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua, Councillor John Michitson, Councillor Timothy Jordan, Councillor Michael McGonagle, Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien and Councillor William J. Macek.

City Clerk Linda Koutoulas: Document 99 - A petition has been received from Attorney Robert Harb requesting a Special Permit for seasonal storage in the Watershed Protection District of road salt and other material used for the removal of snow and ice on roads at 977 Amesbury Road; Assessor's Map 439-8-3 & 3A. Filed in Council September 17, 2019. Comments are included from City Departments.

President Barrett opened the hearing.

Attorney Robert Harb represented the applicant Boston Hill Fence LLC. His original application dated August 15, 2019 asked for a waiver. Since then the city amended the zoning ordinance relating to watershed protection. The ordinance prohibits uncovered salt and was changed to covered salt. The shed will be on a bituminous concrete slab surrounded by berm. He has been working with the Water Department. This does not impact the water shed – no wetlands. Attorney Harb informed that the applicant meets all state requirements for allowed salt and salt materials. This is for seasonal road salt storage. A site plan review is required. Attorney Harb provided a photo taken today of the location of the shed.\* No one spoke in favor or against the application.

President Barrett closed the hearing.

On motion of Councillor Macek to approve the application with second from Councillor Daly O'Brien. City Clerk: Council Vice President LePage-yes, Councillor Bevilacqua-yes, Councillor Michitson-yes, Councillor Sullivan-yes, Councillor Jordan-yes, Councillor McGonagle-yes, Councillor Daly O'Brien-yes, Councillor Macek-yes, President Barrett-yes. Yeas-9, Nays 0  
President Barrett: Passes

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Arthur  
Administrative Assistant

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\*Handout from Attorney Harb – photo of proposed location of salt shed

**Application from Boston Hill Fence LLC - Document 99/2019, for a Special Permit, Watershed Protection District, to allow seasonal storage of road salt and other material at 977 Amesbury Rd, Map 439-8-3- & 3A. Hearing held January 28, 2020.**

**REASON FOR VOTE**

President Barrett: Salt storage at this location complies with guidelines and with purpose and intent of Watershed Protection District ordinance. It will not impact wetlands and is essential to the operation of an allowed business on Route 110.

Vice President LePage: I voted in favor of this Special Permit application with the noted conditions and stipulations as it meets the requirements of the Watershed Protection District, Chapter 255 Section 19.

Councillor Bevilacqua: The application met the requirements of the ordinance and in particular had the support of the Water Department.

Councillor Michitson: I voted in favor because it met the requirements.

Councillor Sullivan: I voted in favor because it complied with the terms and conditions of our Special Permit and has the support of the various departments.

Councillor Jordan: I voted in favor because it met requirements and favorable recommendations.

Councillor McGonagle: I voted in favor because it met the requirements of the ordinance.

Councillor Daly O'Brien: I voted for this Special Permit because it meets the requirements of the ordinance for seasonal storage and will not adversely affect the environment.

Councillor Macek: The request was compliant with departmental requirements and was proposed in a safe manner.