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Special Meeting Minutes
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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chief Kenny.

Present: Jon Paul Roden, Charlie Bettinger, Ray Walker, Bob O'Gara , Mason Thrall and Chief Kenny. Bob Kleinhans arrived at 6:04 P.M.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting

Motion to accept the minutes for the March 8, 2012 meeting was made by Mason Thrall and seconded by Charlie Bettinger. There were no additions or corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Special Permit request for relocation of Cumberland Farms to 333 Talcottville Road.

A presentation was made by Attorney Leonard Jacobs and representatives for Cumberland Farms, Patrick O'Leary, Manny Paiva and Chuck Meek to move the existing Cumberland Farms (old Thornton's) gas station and convenience store to 333 Talcottville Road. Attorney Jacobs explained to the committee that he had just received changes from Len Tundermann, Town Planning and Zoning Department, who in turn had just received them from the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation issues with certain curb cuts were addressed with the committee. Questions arose pertaining to crosswalks, turn radius on the property, canopy height, lighting, cycle of traffic lights and the empty gas station. Questions pertaining to these concerns were answered by Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paiva and Mr. O'Leary.

A motion was made Chief Kenny and seconded by Charlie Bettinger to accept the special permit request for the relocation of Cumberland Farms to 333 Talcottville Road with the following stipulations: That the left turn lane, northbound on Route 83 be increased to accommodate turning traffic into the development. That the south driveway allow left turning northbound traffic and right turning southbound traffic. Exiting traffic would be restricted to right turn only by raised island. That the curb line radius of the south driveway entrance be reduced to allow delivery tankers a path into the development away from the pump islands. That the north driveway on Route 83 to the deployment be eliminated due to its proximity to the intersection.

New Business: There was a brief discussion about changing the times of the monthly meetings and Chief Kenny will check with the Town Clerk for the process.

Included in the packet for the Special Meeting was a letter from Connecticut DOT regarding re-signage of school zones; Chief Kenny advised that signs have already been placed on West Street. Minutes of the March 1, 2012 of Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, minutes of the March 5, 2012 Design Review Commission meeting and minutes of the March 15, 2012 of Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were also included in the packet.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:30 P.M. by Charlie Bettinger and seconded by Ray Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary