I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. The application of the City of Portsmouth for property located off Franklin Drive and Dennett Street wherein site plan approval is requested for the construction of a 9,646 s.f. one-story addition to the rear of the existing New Franklin School with related paving, utilities, landscaping, drainage and associated site improvements. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 220 as Lot 2 and lies within a Municipal district.

It was VOTED to recommend approval of the site plan subject to the following stipulations:

1. That a note be added to the site plan indicating that the addition will be sprinklered and that additional sprinklering will be subject to a schedule agreed to by the applicant and the contractors;

2. That the landscaping plan shall be approved by the Planning Department; and,

3. That the size and type of all utilities will be designated on the plan.

B. The application of the Mark H. Wentworth Home for property located off Melcher, Pleasant and Whidden Streets wherein site plan approval is requested for the reconfiguration of existing parking spaces and the provision of additional parking spaces in various locations with associated site improvements. Parking improvements are proposed at the end of Melcher Street, on the Wentworth Home side of Melcher Street and at the corner of Pleasant and Melcher Streets. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 109 as Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and lies within a General Residence B and Historic A district.

It was VOTED to table the application for review by the Board of Adjustment and the Historic District Commission. Some of the outstanding issues were the delineation of all the activities within the right(s) of way and what is proposed as some improvements may require action by the City Council; that boundary work should be done prior to any action by the City Council; and, that the City’s engineering department had some concerns with the sidewalk details.
C. The application of Rene A. Therrien, owner, and Port City Nissan/Suzuki, applicant, for property located at 406 Route 1 ByPass wherein site plan approval is requested for the conversion of an existing car care facility into an auto dealership with related paving, utilities, landscaping, drainage and associated site improvements. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 172 as Lot 2 and lies within an Industrial district.

It was VOTED to table the application to a joint site walk with the Traffic/Safety Committee on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at 8:00 a.m. with the Technical Advisory Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the Council Chambers. One of the outstanding issues is the location of the water line and whether or not an easement would be necessary for access to a shut-off. Assurance is requested that the fire alarm system does tie or will tie into the municipal system. The snow storage area should be indicated on the plan. The sign for the Frank Jones Center should be labeled as such with an indication of its status – whether it is permitted or not permitted. A copy of the deed concerning the right-of-way should be submitted to the Planning Department. The proposed sign for the auto dealership should be labeled as proposed and subject to receiving a permit from the City.

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