

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING/GENERAL MEETING
December 14, 2009**

Place: 150-152 Ledge Road

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDING:
Conze, Spain, Grimes, Hutchison, Riccardo

STAFF ATTENDING: Ginsberg

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Site Walk of Whole Foods Market project.

Commission members were joined by Robert Calve and Selectmen Gerry Nielsen, two of the property owners, as well as representatives from Whole Foods, including Mark Mobley and Michael Sinatra. One member of the press was present.

Mr. Conze asked about the status of the work at Exit 11. Mr. Mobley responded that the asphalt plants close on or about December 18th, and any paving work that is not done by then will have to be completed once the plants re-open in the spring. Commission members were assured that all of the Exit 11 work would be completed prior to the store's opening. Mr. Mobley confirmed that the store is on schedule to be open in the spring of 2010.

Commission members then walked the property, and viewed the loading dock area. Mr. Mobley pointed out the footings for the lighting proposed near the loading dock. Mr. Mobley then led a tour of the interior of the building, including the second floor. Commission members asked about issues such as the screening of the recently installed fence along the Middlesex Commons property line, as well as the drainage system within the parking lot. The importance of venting was also noted, since there will be some baking which occurs on-premises. Mr. Mobley explained the venting system which was approved by the Commission that will be installed. He assured them that this system will ensure that odors are not a problem for neighboring properties.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy B. Ginsberg
Planning & Zoning Director