

Topsfield Zoning Board of Appeals

March 24, 2009

Chairman Moriarty called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. Board members present were Bob Moriarty, Kristin Palace, Tony Penta, Lisa Stern-Taylor and Scott Dow. Roberta Knight, Community Development Coordinator was also present as well as the applicants, their representatives and interested residents.

Visitors: James O'Brien and Ann Savage

207 Boston Street / Topsfield Fairgrounds: At 8:12PM, Chairman Moriarty called to order the public hearing to consider the application of the Essex Agricultural Society for premises located at 207 Boston Street requesting a special permit pursuant to Article III, Section 3.05 of the Zoning By-Law in connection with the Topsfield Agricultural Fair to allow for parking of cars, use of the midway until 11:30PM and the use of loudspeakers until 11:00PM to be held from the Friday, 10 days prior to, and through Columbus Day in 2009 and for the same period for the four following years.

Presenting the application was James O'Brien, Manager. No abutters were present and no one spoke in opposition in regard to the special permit. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the operations of the October Agricultural Fair, and noted the success of the preceding Friday night opening. The conditions of the special permit relative to the operation of the annual fair would remain the same as in the 2006 special permit. Parking for the additional evening will be offered without charge, as has been the case since the commencement of the Friday night opening. Mr. O'Brien also noted that the Society is requesting a five-year permit through the Fair in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27PM.

Respectively submitted,

Roberta M. Knight
Community Development Coordinator