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8:00 Roland Chaput recognized John Cole who then introduced John and Tom Caccavaro, builder/developers, David Warner of Gary Larson Assoc., landscape architects, and Mark Piermarini, civil engineer. The group presented for informal Board reaction a 27 unit condominium development proposal for 264 Massachusetts Avenue. The building proposed has three stories and parking behind and under the building. Board members had comments about the materials proposed and the size of the front entrance which seemed out of scale for so large a building. Nora Mann encouraged the developers to get in touch with the neighbors to apprise them of the proposal. Tom Caccavaro mentioned that he planned to do that.

The Board asked when the developers would apply for the special permit and the developers said they would like to schedule a hearing on October 20th. Kevin O'Brien indicated that if they made application this week, the earliest hearing date that would allow the proper notice was October 27, but sufficient ARB members could not meet that night, therefore the earliest available date was November 3rd.

At 9:48 The Board began discussing the latest draft of the RFP for the Symmes Hospital property. The Board reviewed the draft and a memo prepared by Kevin O'Brien which drew attention to issues that the Board needed to consider. The Board observed that the Gary Mongeon model for evaluating the proposals required too much detail at this point in the process and decided to eliminate it from the RFP. Ed Tsoi suggested and Nora Mann agreed to go through the entire document to provide a consistent style and content in light of the direction given by the Board this evening. The Board decided to meet on Wednesday October 8 to review the next draft.

The Director's report was considered at 10:30 and the Board agreed that the changes to T-Mobile's antenna system at Symmes Hospital was insignificant from a permitting standpoint and should be allowed.

Adjourn at 10:35

Source: Kevin O'Brien, planning director