

Minutes December 12, 2013 Citizen's Forum

Approximately 25 residents attended the forum on Thursday.

1) Marcotte Ford proposed project:

Bryan Marcotte, Mike Marcotte and Mike Fiamino presented a draft plan for an expanded dealership at Whiting Farms Road. This is a preliminary proposal as the HG&E has not put out a request for proposals yet since Walmart decided not to build at the site. They noted that their proposal would bring less traffic to the site, have shorter hours of business and be a quiet business in the area compared to a Walmart. The Marcotte family has been doing business in Holyoke for many years and wishes to expand here rather than in another community. Contact information was provided for any attendees who had further questions.

2) Geriatric Authority update

The Board of the Geriatric Authority cancelled the meeting that was to take place re: the LLC that expressed interest in purchasing the GA. An update is expected in the new year.

3) Crosswalk issues

Some ideas have been put forth to Bill Fuqua for better marking for the cross walks to increase safety.

Hearing Dates: January 14th 6:30PM for Whiting Farms Zone & Medical Marijuana

& February 11th 6:30pm for Atlas Copco.

The needle exchange program vote took place in December and the recommendation to adopt the program was given leave to withdraw. However, the program continues pending outcome of the lawsuit.

Submitted by,

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