

From: Tony Saroufim, WRNC Zoning Chair

The WRNC Zoning Committee met on Tuesday 10-21-2025, at 7:00 pm at Area E Police Station in West Roxbury. The following are meeting results:

Council members attending:

Judy Settana, Larry Costello, Stephen Smith, Deirdre Scarna, Kathleen Colby, Mike Hajjar, Jerry Carlson, Robert Corley, and Tony Saroufim

Agenda Item

5 Redland Rd: Family Home Shelter.

Representative: Atty. Kevin M. Cloutier, representing Stephen Marsh (neighbor); Undersecretary, Division of Housing Stabilization Chris Thomson, Colby O'Brien (MOC).

- The meeting chair introduced this case as not a standard zoning case because the council had not received a letter of refusal from ISD. The council may not be able to vote since we have no zoning violations. However, the members of the council may choose to make a statement at the end of the meeting.
- Ann Cushing read a letter from Senator Walsh.
- Board member Stephen Smith read a letter from representative McGregor.
- The state and MOC presented an overview of the state program and the planned operation by MOC at the site. Questions from the board and all attendees were taken and responses were provided.
- Atty. Cloutier; opening remarks set the tone that tonight it is not about whether we should have a family shelter or not. It is about the appeal that the permit was issued based on wrong or misleading information. Atty. Cloutier presented a detailed presentation listing multiple reasons why the permit should not have been issued as of Right. The appeal has already been requested and the ZBA meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, 10/28. Questions from the board and all attendees were taken by the Atty. Cloutier and responses were provided. At the end of the presentation Atty. Cloutier asked the council to support the appeal.
- City Councilor Webber addressed the audience directly.
- Council members Robert Corley and council president Larry Costello reminded the chair that it is not a precedent for WRNC to support an applicant's appeal. However, the people attending wanted the council to take a vote instead of each council member making a statement. A motion to support the appeal was presented.

Results:

The committee voted 5-4 to support the applicant's appeal.

Attached are related documents.