

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
HELD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MARCH 7, 2011**

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Joseph Diminico, Chairman
Kevin Dougan, Vice Chairman
Andy Kidd, Secretary
Eric Prause (7:08 p.m.)
Horace Brown

Alternates: Anthony Petrone (sitting)

Absent: Susan Shanbaum
John Chaput

Also Present: Mark Pellegrini, Director of Planning
Renata Bertotti, Senior Planner
Ginger MacHattie, Recording Secretary

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. The Secretary read the legal notice for the application when the call was made.

MANCHESTER R.O.C.S. – 52 Main Street – to allow a health and recreation club in an Industrial zone – Special Exception (M-391)

Kate Nicholas, President, explained that Manchester R.O.C.S. is a non-profit boxing club for at-risk youth. The ceiling height of this building is key because the ring is two feet off of the ground. She said a key drill in training is jumping rope and in the past, other clubs have had problems with the ropes hitting the ceiling. She said the high ceilings in the building at 52 Main Street are a real advantage. Out of the 20 parking spaces, Manchester R.O.C.S. will require one to three. The hours are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This club will not interfere with the other businesses in the building.

Chairman Diminico opened the floor for public comment either in favor of or in opposition to this application. There was no public comment at this time.

Ms. Bertotti received two e-mails in favor of this application; one from Reverend Steven Slegeski of St. Bridget Church and the other from Christine Pierson of T.A.G. Craft Studio.

Ms. Bertotti said there are no outstanding staff comments.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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