

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
SPECIAL MEETING
WALMART SKETCH PLAN CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 12, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Balistreri, Councilman Cipperly, and Councilman Sullivan

Board Members Absent: Councilman Christian.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. The meeting was for the purpose of reviewing the sketch plan submitted by Walmart concerning a proposed amendment to their original PDD.

Attorney Gilchrist addressed the Town Board to explain the procedural process for Walmart's PDD Amendment proposal. This is a sketch plan application submitted on behalf of Walmart. With the project proposed and presented to board conceptually, the board will then have 62 days to approve or deny the sketch plan proposal under the zoning law.

Mark Talbert, representing Walmart, introduced three main changes:

1. Online grocery pick up area relocated to the left side of the building.
2. Temporary storage use for Christmas/seasonal items that cannot fit within the store from August-February each year.
3. Outside seasonal lawn and garden sales to be relocated to where the existing pickup area is, directly across from the current lawn and garden section in the parking lot.

Supervisor Herrington asked about the storage containers currently on the property. Mr. Talbert stated they are strictly for the remodel. Supervisor Herrington commented about the possible noise associated with these containers. Mr. Talbert said that is the same location where the proposed 17 storage units will be staged from August through February. Attorney Cioffi, noted that when this proposal first came in front of the board, the Town adopted a resolution to start this process which included scheduling this meeting. At that time there was no mention of the online pick up arrangement changing. Mr. Talbert stated he had the understanding that the building department approved the grocery pick up area and they thought the remodel package approval included the online pick up area. Mr. Cioffi stated the building department cannot approve the remodel changes that include the changing of online order pick up and parking. Walmart needs to submit a detailed written description for the online order pick up changes, which can be included with this proposal. The 62-day determination period will begin once the new written description proposal that includes the grocery online order pick up location is received. Mr. Balistreri asked how many storage containers are there now. Mr. Talbert responded there are 18 shipping containers in the parking lot now. They will be located on the McChesney Ave side of parking lot, exactly where the remodel containers are currently. Mr. Gilchrist said that prior to the current work

being done, there were containers on the Hoosick Road side of the building almost continuously which were never approved in the original PDD. The space previously used for those containers will be the new grocery online order pick up area. If the Town Board decides to accept the amendment proposal and move forward with a full review, a public hearing will be required. If the Board declines to accept the proposal, the process will end. A representative from LaBerge Engineering stated there are no engineering issues with the proposal, however, the changes will impact the parking space count.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Cipperly made a motion to close the sketch plan conference subject to Walmart submitting an amended written description which, when received, will begin the 62-day determination period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo
Deputy Town Clerk