Hardwick Planning Board

Municipal Offices

307 Main Street Approved 5/23/17

Gilbertville, MA 01031

Planning Board Room

May 9, 2017 Public Hearing – Balcerzak – Mimi’s Coffee Shop at 14 Barre Road

6:45PM

Members present: Erik Fleming, Harry Comerford, Dane Stolgitis, Jake Stukuls and Eric Vollheim (PB alternate)

Present: Lucinda Childs (PB clerk), Michele Balcerzak, Bridgette Boyko, Sue Bagdonas

Chair Erik Fleming recused himself from the proceedings because he is an abutter to the property in question so Vice Chair Harry Comerford led the Public Hearing. The Clerk read the Public Hearing notice. Michele Balcerzak and her daughter Bridgette Boyko explained what they were intending to offer as Mimi’s Coffeehouse: light prepared foods for breakfast and lunch, sandwiches and the like; locally sourced foods – milk and bread, newspapers; they will be asking the Board of Selectmen about available alcohol license for possible evening events; there would be no entertainment; dumpster to be situated in the lower right hand driveway screened from view; there would tables/seating on the porch and they will be renovating the rest room. It was noted that the sliding doors in the rear of the store would stay open to the Post Office during business hours and the Balcerzaks have just signed a new five year lease with the USPS. A letter was received and read from P.J. McDonald, Eagle Hill School’s Headmaster, strongly supporting this venture (letter on file). Further discussion included exterior lighting, signage and handicap parking. Sue Bagdonas was attending in support of opening the store/coffee house. There was no one attending in opposition.

7:12PM – Public Hearing closed by motion from Eric Vollheim, seconded by Dane Stolgitis. All in favor.