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## **WHAT'S A SITE-PLAN REVIEW?**

During the site-plan review process, the planning board will consider a long list of items dealing with Chelsea Property Group's proposal for an outlet mall. On the list, among other things, include:

- Utilities, such as water management and minimization of wastewater and solid waste
- Visual obstructions between the project and residential properties
- Traffic operations, such as coordination and public transportation
- Landscaping
- Signs and lighting
- Interior roadways and pedestrian access
- Blasting
- Emergency access
- Drainage
- Storm-water management and wetland buffers
- Snow management
- Construction management, such as monitoring noise and dust emissions
- Parking

According to town laws, Chelsea must submit all required documentation. The board then has 30 days to determine and vote if the submission is complete.

If it's deemed complete, the board has 65 days to approve, approve with conditions or reject the application. There is a process for extensions.

What role can the public play in the site-plan process?

The public is welcome to any open meeting of the planning board, and generally, there is time for public comment.

General opinions and research on other similar developments at this time may be informative, said Pete Gagnon, board vice-chairman, but they are not the most effective communications.

"If the public can, through professionals or experts, refute what the applicant presents to the board, that carries weight," Gagnon said.

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