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Development Permit Application for ATC at 2 Bridge Avenue

1 message

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Following up on a conversation I had yesterday with someone from your organization. I believe it was Jim Sourlis. The call came in around 4:00 p.m. inquiring as to why the Development Permit Application (#13154) for an alternative treatment center had yet to be approved. It was alleged that:

1. It was taking to long.
2. The application meet all the requirements.
3. The item was discussed with the Borough Administrator and he indicated that it was all good to go and that I should speak with him regarding same.
4. Based on the above and that the potential tenant was ready to go the application should be approved.

In response:

1. The application was submitted on January 17th. The Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) provides for a 10 day review period. As such the review is not taking to long as alleged.
2. First, it is not up to an applicant to decide whether there application meets all the requirements. Second, the application was devoid of the information that would allow a review to determine if the application met all the requirements. Thirdly, the caller appeared ill-informed as to what the requirements are.
3. First, I did communicate with the Borough Administrator who denied indicating in any way that the application was all good to go. Second, the Borough Administrator has no jurisdiction over the deciding of development permits. Third, it is inappropriate for the Borough Administrator or anyone else to try to improperly influence a zoning decision. Fourth, any appeal of my decisions are made to the Zoning Board as per the MLUL. Fifth, given the experience of your firm in permitting, there appeared to be a surprising lack of any basic knowledge of the permitting process and underlying laws.
4. The application is not ready to go. You will have a decision emailed to you within the time frame allowed by law.

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