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(or their representative) is then called to make their presentation to the Board. Correspondence received from other town boards and or committees is read into the record as well as any correspondence from abutters. The Board members may ask questions of the applicant, and then the Chairman will ask if any audience members wish to speak. After all of the input the Board may close the public portion and discuss the request among themselves. A decision is usually made the night of the hearing and the Special Permit and or Variance is granted or denied at that time.

What happens after the Board reaches a decision?
Once the matter has been decided, a decision is written and recorded with the Town Clerk. After a 20 day appeal period, the permit is mailed to the applicant, who then files the permit with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds. A copy is forwarded to the Board of Appeals Office and the Building Department. The Building Department may not issue a building permit or occupancy permit without receiving a copy of that recorded decision.

What if I 'm not happy with the Board's decision?
You may appeal the decision at Barnstable County Superior Court. Appeals procedures are outlined in M.G.L. Ch. 40A §17 and must be filed within 20 days of the filing of the decision with the Town Clerk.

Who do I call with questions?
The Law Offices of Paul R. Tardif at (508) 362-7799.

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