Templeton to challenge permit decision in court

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Just when you thought it was over: Developer Phil Templeton is back.

Templeton wants to build a medical office complex off State Farm Road- a desire many neighbors of the property do not want to see become a reality. A series of meetings on the issue came to a head three weeks ago when a vote was taken on the special use permit required to build the complex. It was turned down by a 5-3 margin by the Board of Adjustment. According to Templeton's attorney, however, the Board did not follow procedure. Instead of voting to deny the permit, they voted on whether or not to grant the request. This specific fact helped inspire a letter

from Templeton's attorney, Tony di Santi questioning the legality of a meeting earlier this week with little public notice.

Templeton has decided to file a lawsuit in superior court and appeal the vote.Di Santi claims it is out of the Board's jurisdiction and completely up to the courts.

The meeting commenced and the issue was addressed anyway.

A motion was made to deny the Templeton special use permit in hopes the move would resolve the lapse at the May 1st meeting. The motion passed. It looks like the controversy will only be resolved in court.