

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2012  
TOWN HALL – 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman: Bradley Pellissier called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present: Greg Genlot, William Salka, Scott Sutter and Adam Van Wingerden were present which constituted a quorum. Also present was Jeff Bord, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer.

Members Absent: Clifford Bordeaux, Vice-Chair

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: none**

**OLD BUSINESS: none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Request for 1 year extension of Special Use Permit for Soap Stone Estates Age Restricted Housing on Eleanor Road (May 24, 2012)

Mr. Bord reported that he is looking for another year's extension. He has a total of nine years from 2007. The Statutes states he can request for another extension for 5 more years. Mr. Bord will put a Legal Notice in the paper.

*Mr. Genlot made a motion to approve the extension of Soap Stone Estates Age Restricted Housing on Eleanor Road to May 24, 2013. Mr. Sutter seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.*

- b. Zoning Referral: Renew Existing Special Use Permit for Pleasant View Farms Inc., 430 South Road, for Flea Markets, Auctions and Music Festivals.

The Planning Commission agreed there were no issues.

*Mr. Sutter made the motion send a favorable recommendation on existing Special Use Permit for Pleasant View Farms, Inc. Mr. Genlot seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.*

**STAFF REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

- a. **Plan of Conservation and Development**

Mr. Bord distributed the Plan of Conservation and Development Survey to the entire Planning Commission to review. Chairman Pellissier commented that it is now on two pages and double-sided. Mr. Genlot had a comment on Question #13. Insert the word "recreation" between sports and fields.

Chairman Pellissier mentioned there have been issues on co-mingling the maintenance of the two the fields. There have been some letters floating around where Lacrosse is trying to get and Somers Public schools and the Town to sharing resources.

Mr. Salka said the bigger issue is Question #11. Mr. Genlot does not think asking questions about the privately owned property in terms of what the public's plan is for it, is a good idea. Chairman Pellissier confirmed the mill is privately owned.

Mr. Bord said the game plan is to mail out the survey. He needs 3,325 envelopes printed up with postage permit printed in the corner (Permit# 332). They charge .26¢ per piece to mail it. Envelopes cost would be \$200.00. Mr. Bord needs to get a Permit for return mail which will cost \$90.00. Mr. Bord will print out the one page letter. He has a machine that folds them which will fit in a window envelope. There are two envelope sizes No.10 and No. 9.

Chairman Pellissier asked if the survey could be mailed out by next Thursday. Mr. Bord replied he went to the Enfield post office twice today and once yesterday, they are not comfortable about making that commitment.

Chairman Pellissier suggested holding a special meeting just to get it out the door because we are running out of intern time. Mr. Bord will get it done as fast as he can. Mr. Bord said "or current resident" needs to be put on the envelope because if it is returned to the post office, they will charge .50¢. It will cost .26¢ per piece to mail and \$1.32 for the ones that come back.

Mr. Bord received a letter from John Collins from the Zoning Commission. They want a representative, Karl Walton, to attend the Planning Commission meetings re: Plan of Conservation and Development.

Chairman Pellissier agreed we should have had the Zoning Commission involved with the Plan of Conservation and Development much sooner. This is not the only information gathering survey that will be done. After we get the survey results, it would be great to have the Zoning Commission on board and available for ideas.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 2/23/12**

*Mr. Sutter made motion to approve the February 23, 2012 Minutes as amended. Mr. Genlot seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.*

Mr. Salka had one minor change regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development survey. It should read double-sided not double-sized

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Mr. Sutter made motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 7:38p.m. Mr. Genlot seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

William Salka, Secretary