

TOWN OF SOMERS PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 16th, 2013

7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Greg Genlot at 6:58 p.m. Members present were Vice -Chair Clifford R. Bordeaux, members Adam Van Wingerden and William Salka, as well as the Town Engineer, Jeff Bord.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

NONE

A motion was made by William Salka, seconded by Cliff Bordeaux, to conduct *New Business* prior to other agenda items.

All in favor, motion carried.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Subdivision Application #417**

Durkee Fields, 7 Lots , 240 Durkee Road.

Richard W. Leno and Sandy Aschilman presented the project which includes 7 proposed building lots on the north side of Durkee Road starting at the intersection of Four Bridges Road and continuing easterly. The Durkee Road cross culvert storm capacity was discussed along with what was proposed. Sandy Aschilman stated that all zoning and subdivision regulations have been met. Jeff Bord, Town Engineer, stated the sequence of events required for subdivision approval. Cliff Bordeaux made a motion, seconded by William Salka, to set a public hearing date for Thursday, August 8th.

All in favor. Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Zoning Referral for Proposed Sign Regulation Revisions.**

Jeff Bord reviewed what constitutes temporary signs. Additionally, the origin of the six sign limit came from language found in South Windsor, CT regulations. The committee discussed events that could exceed the sign limit based on town business or functions. Members discussed recommending an unlimited number of signage with permission of property owner to the Zoning Commission. William Salka made a motion, seconded by Cliff Bordeaux, to send this

sign revision proposal back to Zoning with a favorable recommendation along with a provision that with regards to §214-53; B (new) item number 4, the number of signs be increased to *unlimited* for town businesses and events.

All in favor, motion carried

**2. Board of Selectman referral for the Town of Somers acquisition of the Camp Aya-Po
YWCA property located on Camp Road from 8-24.**

First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini was present and explained the STEAP grant funding process and what is planned for the property. The Town is proposing passive recreation activities for the property. A combination of STEAP Grant and Open Space funding will be used to purchase the property. Sections of the property along Stafford Road, Camp Road and Mountain Road are planned to be subdivided and sold with the funds coming back to the Town. Adam Van Wingerden made a motion, seconded by Clifford Bordeaux, to make a positive referral back to the Board of Selectman for the Town of Somers acquisition of Camp Aya-Po with the stipulation that monies collected from potential sale of lots be utilized to replenish the *Open Space* funding account.

All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adam Van Wingerden made the motion, seconded by Clifford Bordeaux, to approve minutes from June 27th, 2013 meeting as written.

All in favor. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Member Adam Van Wingerden made the motion, seconded by William Salka, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Benson

Recording Secretary