

**TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009**

I. Call to Order: Chairman Torres called the regular meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

II. Members Present: John Torres, Barbara Flebotte, Daniel Scully, Robert Minch and Jerome Young.
Absent: B.J. Ferro III.

Public Hearing was continued at 7:36 P.M.

III. Public Hearing

1. Somers Golf Center

Commissioner Sculley read a letter dated June 16, 2009 from Timothy Coon of J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC on behalf of Driving Range 349 Main Street, LLC. The letter withdrew their application for a size variance on the sign for the business. Chairman Torres explained that the applicant will install a sign in compliance with the Zoning ordinance. He said that the Zoning Enforcement Officer will need to follow up to make sure that a multitude of small signs do not continue to be used to advertise the business.

Chairman Torres opened the floor to public comment.

John Cutter of Olmstead Manor Drive, objects to the gaudiness of the business signs that have been proliferating in Somers. He said that he chose to live in Somers because of its colonial atmosphere. He asked the ZBA to consider the effect of any proposed business signs on the appearance of the Town before approving them. He said that the Town is beginning to look like Coney Island.

The Commissioners concurred with Mr. Cutter's concerns and recommended that he contact the ZEO and also that he review the Zoning regulation regarding sign restrictions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sculley; seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously voted to close the Public Hearing at 7:49pm.

IV. Special Meeting

The Special Meeting continued at 7:49pm.

V. Public Hearing Discussion:

1. **Somers Golf Center** – There was no further discussion regarding the application withdrawal.

VII. Old Business: There was no old business.

VIII. New Business:

Chairman Torres provided an annual report of ZBA activities to the Commission for comment as requested by the Chief Finance Officer (CFO).

Commissioner Flebotte accepted Chairman Torres offer to her to become Vice Chairman of the ZBA. Commissioner Young will consider changing his status from alternate to regular member and will notify

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Chairman Torres of his decision before September 15th. The annual report must be submitted to the printer and CFO by September 15th.

There was no other new business.

IX. Correspondence: There was no other Correspondence.

X. Bills:

A motion was made by Commissioner Minch; seconded by Commissioner Sculley and unanimously voted to pay any outstanding bills including the Journal Inquirer bill of \$421.

XI. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Young; seconded by Commissioner Flebotte and unanimously voted to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals at 8:17 pm.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Reed
Recording Secretary

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