

**TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CONNECTICUT 06071**

**ZONING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Martin called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Members Anita Calder, Jill Conklin, Robert Martin, Wesley Smith, and Alternate Member Daniel Fraro (seated for Klein vacancy) were present and constituted a quorum.

The Commissioners welcomed Daniel Fraro as a new alternate member of the commission.

II. INTERVIEW DESIGN REVIEW BOARD CANDIDATES – There were no new candidates.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL – This item was deferred.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Other – There were no Old Business items.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pending Claims and Litigation, Grower Direct, Inc. vs. Somers Zoning Commission, Discussion of Settlement

Mr. Martin explained that at a recent Executive Session, the Town Attorney recommended setting up a public meeting to discuss the pending claims and litigation between Grower Direct, Inc. and the Zoning Commission. It was suggested that this meeting take place at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting, on January 22, 2007.

A motion was made by Jill Conklin, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to hold a public meeting as part of the next Zoning Commission Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Discussion followed as to the difference between a public hearing and a public meeting, and the consensus was that no one was really sure. Leonard VanWingerden asked about the protocol for a public meeting. He explained that he has received many calls from town residents wanting to speak to the issues involved and asking if this would be a proper venue for them in which to speak. Mr. Martin stated that the public

meeting most definitely would be a place for those wishing to comment to do so. He explained that notice of the meeting will be placed in the newspaper so that the public will be made aware that the meeting has been scheduled.

b. Review of Bylaws

- It was the consensus of the Commissioners to maintain the Zoning Commission bylaws as the currently are written.

c. Election of Officers

- A motion was made by Jill Conklin, seconded by Anita Calder, and unanimously voted to elect Robert Martin as the Chairman of the Zoning Commission for the year 2007.

A motion was made by Rob Martin, seconded by Anita Calder, and unanimously voted to elect Jill Conklin as the Vice Chairman of the Zoning Commission for the year 2007.

A motion was made by Rob Martin, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to elect Wesley Smith as the Secretary of the Zoning Commission for the year 2007.

- **d. Other** – No other New Business was presented.

- **VI. DISCUSSION: PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT** – No new information was presented.

VII. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORTS – No reports were given.

- **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS** – None were presented.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jill Conklin, seconded by Wes Smith, and unanimously voted to adjourn the January 8, 2007 Zoning Commission meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Calder, Secretary

Robin Timmons, Recording Secretary

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