

**TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2013
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jill Conklin at 7:10 pm. Members present were Karl Walton, Paige Rasid and Dan Fraro. Also present was John Collins, Building Official.

II. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

III. MINUTES APPROVAL (APRIL 1, 2013)

Approval of minutes was deferred until the next meeting. Not all commission members were able to review the minutes yet.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review temporary sign placement/enforcement

John Collins met with the Board of Selectmen regarding this issue. The Board of Selectman would like the Zoning Commission to take charge of the sign sweeps and sign enforcements.

John brought a few examples of sign regulations from other towns such as East Granby and South Windsor for the commission to review. The commission reviewed permit form drafts and discussed enforcement of sign placements/sign sweeps. Commission members agreed a public hearing would need to be held to address the issue with citizens who have trouble with the sign sweeps.

Commission members discussed how many feet from the property line/street/intersections signs can be placed, etc. Karl Walton will edit/re-word the sign regulation drafts and bring back the revisions to the next meeting for more discussion.

b. 536 Main St: abandonment of non-conforming use/antique store (per 214-33)

The town is trying to figure out how to label the above mentioned property that is for sale. The question has been raised to the Zoning Commission what should this property be considered? Is it an abandoned use or an existing non conforming use based on 214-33?

The commission reviewed the town file on the property and reviewed dates in regards to when the building was last an active business. The antique shop has been closed for several years according to the files.

Commission members agreed more clarification was needed on the status of the property. Some of

the commission members will go to the property and take a closer look.

VI DISCUSSION: NONE

VII STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

There were three Zoning Enforcement Reports since the last report. John Collins reviewed the report with commission members.

VIII CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

A legal notice from Jeff Lipton was presented as correspondence.

VIX. ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Rasid to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.
Seconded by Karl Walton, all in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Sarno, Recording Secretary