

TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2013
7:00 PM TOWN HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Jill Conklin. Members present were Dan Fraro, Karl Walton, and Paige Rasid. Also present was John Collins, Building Official. Sam Smith was absent.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL (April 1 and April 15, 2013)

Paige Rasid made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as written. Karl Walton seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Review of temporary sign placement and enforcement

John Collins had previously given the commission a proposal to amend some of the sections of the regulations to give the Zoning Enforcement Officer some tools with which to effectively enforce the sign regulations. Karl Walton presented the commission with a draft including his suggestions. The commission members reviewed the revised draft and had a brief discussion on how to proceed. Commission members agreed a public hearing will need to be held on the subject matter.

Paige Rasid made a motion to continue enforcement as is in between such time as the commission may or may not get new regulation. No motion was carried.

John Collins felt strongly about not touching the civic side of the issue. Members discussed how to make reasonable regulations for the town. Current regulations say signs have to be behind property lines. Karl Walton suggested having a universal measurement system no matter where you are putting the sign. There was discussion of limits of sign sizes. Commission members agreed the enforcement regulations need to be consistent. Commission members discussed property lines, right of ways, and how many feet signs should be from property lines.

Commission members agreed they are not yet ready to hold the public hearing. Everyone will make notes on what they feel is acceptable. Those citizens most affected by the sign enforcement regulations will be invited to the next meeting. The May 20, 2013 Zoning Commission Meeting will be open for public discussion concerning temporary signs.

b. 536 Main St. The Abandoned Non-Conforming Use/Antique store per section 214-33.

Karl Walton made a motion that the commission let the other use live as an antique shop only. Seconded by Dan Fraro, all in favor, motion carried. The accessory building may be used as an antique shop if so desired.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Receiving the following application for a Special Use Permit for Bruce Woods at 223 Wood Rd. Somers to conduct an earth removal and filling operation at 263 Wood Rd. Somers. Volume 97 pg 173. This is a renewal.

A motion was made by Dan Fraro accept application, refer to Planning Commission and hold public hearing for this application on June 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Paige Rasid, all in favor, all in favor.

IV. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS: NONE

V. CORRESPONDENCE/BILLS: NONE

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Paige Rasid made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Seconded by Dan Fraro all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Sarno, Recording Secretary