

TOWN OF SOMERS - PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 13, 2022
6:30 PM – Town Hall



CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 pm

Members present: Brad Pellissier, Pat Pio, and Jim MacFeat. Also present Jennifer Roy, ZEO, Staff Liaison. Absent: Bill Salka and Adam VanWingerden

NEW BUSINESS: Request from Director of Public Works, Todd Rolland, to close a section of County Road between #17 and #70 to thru traffic.

Todd Rolland provided the commission members with a brief history and overview of his request. This section of County Road is dangerous, does not have guard rails, and there is some ledge protruding into a portion of the roadway. The Town of Somers does not maintain this section during winter months; but maintain the section enough for utility access.

Brief discussion was held regarding the scenic road status. It was determined that they do not need to rescind the scenic road status; only hold a public hearing to make the necessary alterations or changes. Jennifer Roy confirmed that a letter will be sent to the property owners of County Road.

Jim MacFeat made a motion to schedule a public hearing for November 2, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Auditorium. Pat Pio seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim MacFeat made a motion to amend the agenda, adding discussion of Zoning referral for Connecticut Public Act 21-29, an act concerning Zoning Enabling Act. Jennifer Roy provided a summary of the pertinent issues. The Zoning Commission is taking the steps to opt-out of the requirements for Temporary Health Structures, Parking requirements, and Accessory Dwelling Units. By doing this, the town will retain local control of these requirements. Ms. Roy advised that municipalities must opt-out by December 31, 2022. Planning Commission members gave a positive referral back to Zoning Commission to opt-out of the requirements.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: August 11, 2022. Jim MacFeat made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Pat Pio seconded. MacFeat and Pellissier in favor, Pio abstained, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim MacFeat made a motion to adjourn, Pat Pio seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Roy

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.