

TOWN OF SOMERS - PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6:30pm



CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 pm Members present: Brad Pellissier, Bill Salka, Jim MacFeat and Pat Pio. Also present: Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison
Absent: Adam VanWingerden

NEW BUSINESS

1. Application #23-005: Hillsdale College, 732 Hall Hill Road, Somers seeking a modification of the Special Use permit condition #4, to allow Hillsdale College to hold one special event at the Blake Center each year, complying with all existing requirements set forth in Condition of approval #4.

Attorney George Schober present to speak on behalf of the applicant, Hillsdale College. Also present Director Labin Duke. Attorney Schober gave the commission a brief history of the Special Use Permit and conditions, as well as events that have taken place. Discussion was held regarding current request for a large event annually.

Bill Salka and Jim MacFeat asked questions of the applicant, discussion held.

Jim MacFeat made a motion to provide a positive referral back to Zoning Commission. Bill Salka seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Application #24-001: Somers Mountain Properties, LLC, 359 Mountain Road, Somers, seeking a modification of the 12/24/2000 Special Use Permit for Outdoor Recreation and accessory private events, to allow for the use of temporary event tents.

Jennifer Roy provided a description and explanation for the Somers Mountain Properties application. Ms. Roy explained that there was a court decision back in 2006 which prohibited event tents, which was the subject of a recent violation notice, and subsequent ZBA appeal. Ms. Roy explained that the appeal was denied, leading to this application to modify the 2000 Worthington Pond Special Use Permit. The applicant is asking to be permitted to install temporary event tents, to be erected and removed within 48 hours, for certain events.

Discussion was held.

Jim MacFeat made a motion to provide a positive referral back to the Zoning Commission. Pat Pio seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9, 2023 Pat Pio made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Brad Pellissier seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Bill Salka made a motion to adjourn, Jim MacFeat seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Roy

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.