

Stuart B Grant

Agent, Union Agriculture Society

Zoning Board Town of Somers

Reason for this permit;

The Town of Somers approached us and requested that we file for the "Special use Permit"

No one from the Union Agriculture Society walked into the Town Hall to request a "Special use Permit"

The Union Agriculture Society was started by the forefathers of the Town of Somers, 181 years ago.

Making it the oldest Fair in the State of Connecticut

The Fair is a part of Somers History even today.

When the Union Agriculture Society decided to find a permanent location in 1960, they came back to the town where it started, the Town of Somers.

The Society purchased the property at 56 Egypt Rd, in Somers in 1960, for its permanent location.

Where it holds its annual "Four Town Fair" as well as other events held on the property throughout the past 60 years.

The Union Agriculture Society is only interested in permitting the use of the property to entertaining, fun family events just like every other fair associations in the United States

Antique Engine Show, Military Vehicle Club, Circus, Horse Shows, Renaissance Fares with alcohol, Hops For Hope with alcohol, Agricultural shows, Non-for-profit organizations, Food Fest, car shows, weddings, family reunions, auction, etc

The majority of the events held on the property have ended before sun down.

Any venue needs to acquire the proper permits required from the Town of Somers and the State of Connecticut to hold their event.

In response to Attorney Park and the neighbor's statement;

The event in 2011 not 2010 mentioned, 9 years ago, has been banned from the Fair Grounds.

Since that event, we have not had any complaints for the past 9 years that has been brought to our attention

On our website, contact information is provided with names and phone numbers. There is a sign on Egypt Road in front of property with a contact name and phone number on it.

Mud Bog is in a location approved by the Town of Somers official. The Mud Bog has only been twice a year. Vehicles do not enter the bog until 9:00 am, the event has ended about 3:00 pm A Non-Alcohol event.

Exhibit A Website with pictures of structures on property

With Contact information, names, and phone numbers

Exhibit B Internet posting of "Custom Van – Truck Event from 2011

Event mentioned by Attorney Parks and neighbors referred to as "Woodstock"

This event has been banned from our property 9 years ago. Since that event, we have not had any complaints for the past 9 years that has been brought to our attention

Exhibit C Internet post from "Connecticut Life Styles" advertising Mug Bog

Which is an approved event by Town of Somers Officials, and in an approved location on the property

Exhibit F IRS filings

Charter Incorporating of the Union Agriculture Society

"Manage the affairs and effect the objects of said Society"

"Do all acts appertaining to the business of the Society"

Approved July 6, 1870

Constitution & By-Laws

Article II

The Society shall hold a fair annually on its property in Somers.

The word "only" is not included in this sentence

Again, no one from the Union Agriculture Society walked into the Town Hall requesting a 'Special Use Permit'. The Town of Somers contacted us.

Out of the dozen or so events scheduled for this year, only 4 events, involved the sale of alcohol (which includes the Four Town Fair event) The majority of the events held on the property have ended before sun down.

§ 214-27. Continuance. Any nonconforming use, including nonconforming buildings, structures and lots, lawfully existing as of the effective date of these regulations or any amendment thereof shall be permitted to continue notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations or any amendment thereof.

In my opinion, the Town of Somers has permitted these events to take place on the property for the last 60 years, the "Special Use Permit" request should be withdrawn or approved with no fees.

Thank You

Stuart B. Grant

Agent, Union Agriculture Society

June 28, 2020

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 29th day of June, 2020

Joanne M. Slater
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8/30/2021

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