

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 6, 2017**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jill Conklin called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. In attendance were vice chairman Karl Walton, Lucas Cherry, Paige Rasid, Staff Liaison Jennifer Roy, Town Engineer Jeff Bord, and Town Attorney Carl Landolina

II. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Pleasant View Farms, 430 South Road  
No one present to speak in favor or opposition. Karl Walton made a motion to close the public hearing; Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Karl Walton made a motion to enter into executive session, Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Paige Rasid made a motion to invite Jennifer Roy, Jeff Bord and Attorney Landolina to join executive session, Karl Walton seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Executive session concluded 7:52pm.

IV. **MINUTES APPROVAL:** Karl Walton made a motion to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes as written, Lucas Cherry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:** Pleasant View Farms, 430 South Road, Special Use permit renewal. Karl Walton made a motion to approve Pleasant View Farms Special Use permit for 3 year, Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

VI. **STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS:** NONE

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:**

Greg Hazelton, Copper Hill Farm, 144 Hall Hill Road – Possible zoning regulation change. Mr. Hazelton, and partner, Howard Shafer, present to the board plans to construct a certified kitchen in existing structure. Kitchen will be used to prepare agricultural products with fruits, vegetable and meat all harvested on his farm.

Discussion was held, all board members believe this is right of use as Copper Hill Farm is a working farm which meets all zoning regulations. No permits required from the Zoning Commission. Mr. Hazelton and Mr. Shafer must be sure to meet requirements of the Town Sanitarian and the State of Connecticut.

Jonathan Murray representing 349 Main LLC – Present to discuss Corn Maze to be held in the fall, and any permits that may be required. Attorney John Parks also present to discuss.

Board members thank Mr. Murray and Attorney Parks for presenting site plan that provides clear layout of parking and attractions. Mr. Murray explained where visitors park, take hay ride, and participate in corn maze. All board members feel no additional permits required for this event.

Karl Walton expressed concerns about the other events that would take place simultaneously with the corn maze; such as concerts with more popular headliner bands. Jennifer Roy shared that this is also a concern of the Police Department. Ms. Roy shared comments/concerns received from Lieutenant Claudio; specifically that he would like to see an officer hired for those larger events where there may be 500-1000 patrons at particular time. Mr. Murray felt this was a reasonable request, and will reach out to Lt. Claudio to discuss this matter.

The board thanked Mr. Murray and Attorney Parks again, for being proactive and providing a clearer picture of the events and property layout.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Paige Rasid made a motion to adjourn, Karl Walton seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucas Cherry, Secretary

*\*\*Minutes are not official until approved at subsequent meeting.*