

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 2, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m. Members present: Jill Conklin, Chairperson, Karl Walton, Vice-Chair, Dan Fraro, Paige Rasid and Lucas Cherry. Also present: Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison, Lt. Jose Claudio and Chief John Roache.

Karl Walton made a motion to move item 7 – correspondence, 349 Main, LLC to the next order of business. Dan Fraro seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Karl Walton made a motion to approve the September 5, 2017 minutes, Dan Fraro seconded, minutes approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jonathan Murray present to speak for 349 Main, LLC. Mr. Murray explained to the board the desire of “Sonny’s Place” to expand, adding a roller coaster to their property. Discussion was held regarding location, size, etc.

Jennifer Roy advised Mr. Murray and the commission that roller coaster would fall under the category of amusement ride; and currently our zoning regulations prohibit amusement parks. Ms. Roy further shared concerns from the Fire and Police departments regarding the additional resources needed to handle public safety issues. Mr. Murray and management from Sonny’s Place have had several meetings with Fire and Police, and are working with those departments to ensure proper staffing is met for larger events that are being held.

Further discussion was held regarding steps that can be taken to amend the regulation, as well as what public safety needs would be going forward. Brief explanations were given by the Lieutenant and Chief.

OLD BUSINESS: Zoning regulations. Continued discussion was held regarding a possible overlay district in the downtown Somers area. Sarah Maskill, from the Somers Economic Development Committee was present to observe, and offer input. Ms. Maskill expressed the EDC’s desire to assist the commission in whatever way needed during the regulation review process.

STAFF REPORT: Commission discussed staff report; specifically:

1. Complaint of the Air B&B being run on Long Hill Drive
2. T-Maria’s sign violations
3. Gem Stallion, new business at 138 Main Street.

Karl Walton requested that Jennifer Roy provide a detailed list at the next meeting/regulations discussion, of specific zoning regulations that are conflicting and/or redundant. The commission also requested an update as to the status/responsibilities of the Design Review Committee.

Karl Walton made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., Paige Rasid seconded, motion carried.

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