

**TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:04p.m. Members present: Jill Conklin, Chairperson, Karl Walton, Dan Fraro, and Lucas Cherry. Also present Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison. Absent: Paige Rasid

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Application #18-004: Frieda B, application for Special Use permit for a conservatory to be located at 952 Main Street, Somers.

Jill Conklin opened the public hearing at 6:06p.m.

Renata Bowers & Paula Lajoie presented to the public what they are seeking to do at the property located at 952 Main Street; to create space for workshops and retreats for small groups. Applicant states largest anticipated group at one time would not exceed 40 people, on average 20 people attending any given event.

Jill Conklin opened floor up to public to come forward and speak.

Angelina Fleury, 947 Main Street: spoke in opposition

Tammy Bennett, 941 Main Street: spoke in opposition

Katie Parent, 955 Main Street: spoke in opposition

Erin Obernesser, 26 Tumble Brook Circle: spoke citing points of opposition and in favor

Rebecca Leiphart, 43 Wells Road: spoke in favor

Richard Bennett, 941 Main Street: spoke in opposition

Discussions were held, each abutter speaking in opposition posed several questions to the commission and the applicant.

Commission member Paige Rasid joined the meeting and public hearing at 6:35p.m.

Additional comments were made by each of the opposing abutters.

Renata Bowers & Paula Lajoie were invited back up to re-address the public and answer questions. A discussion was held.

Dan Fraro made a motion to close the public hearing, Karl Walton seconded, public hearing closed at 6:58p.m.

It was brought to Jill Conklin's attention that due to the fact that Paige Rasid entered the public hearing late, she would need to listen to the recording of the public hearing from the beginning, in its entirety, should she wish to vote on the application. Discussion was held.

Karl Walton made a motion to table the application to December 3, 2018 meeting, to allow Paige Rasid the opportunity to review the recording of entire public hearing. Dan Fraro seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Planimetrics, Glenn Chalder: Review and discussion of Zoning Regulations.
Discussions and review of the first draft of regulations continued. Bud Knorr, Selectman joined the meeting and discussions.

ADJOURNMENT: Karl Walton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paige Rasid, meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

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