

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING  
Monday June 3, 2019 - 6:30 PM - Somers Town Hall**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. Member present, Jill Conklin, Karl Walton, Dan Fraro and Paige Rasid. Also present, Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison. Absent: Lucas Cherry

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

#19-006: Baystate Blasting Inc, Ludlow, MA. Application for Special Use permit for excavation/earth removal of approximately 12,000 cubic yards at 40 Hallie Lane, Somers, per Section 214-70 of the zoning regulations.

Attorney John Parks present to speak on behalf of Baystate Blasting and Mr. & Mrs. Eastman. Attorney Parks provided background information regarding previous blasting on the property, and explained future plans.

At 6:49pm Jill Conklin stated the commission will recess to address technical issues with the recording. Public Hearing reconvened at 7:01pm.

Attorney Parks gave repeat presentation. Matthew DiLeo of Baystate Blasting provided additional information to the commission and public as far as normal protocol and procedures for permitting and blasting.

Attorney Parks provided a map dated 5/15/2019 which was not the map previously provided to the commission. Additionally, the map does not show 40 & 42 Hallie Lane as two separate parcels; nor does the application reflect 42 Hallie Lane.

Jim Fiore of 110 Long Hill Drive, Somers, spoke in favor of the application.

The following residents spoke in opposition of the application:

Harry Sargentanis, 18 Hallie Lane, Somers  
Tom & Victoria Clark, 175 Mountain Road, Somers  
Bob Socha, 12 Amie Lane, Somers  
Ellen Smithline, 10 Hallie Lane, Somers  
Marilyn Scheck, 159 Mountain Road, Somers  
Mike Shlafstein, 155 Mountain Road, Somers  
Jennifer Grieger, 24 Amie Lane, Somers  
Joseph Iglar, 159 Mountain Road

Discussion was held. Karl Walton made a request that the applicant correct the address on the application, and clearly show 2 parcels on a revised site plan. Noting that the regulations prohibit blasting in the A-Zone, which 42 Hallie Lane is currently zoned. Also that the site plan clearly shows the Wetlands area.

Karl Walton made a motion to continue the public hearing on July 1, 2019 at 6:30pm. Dan Fraro seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

All exhibits presented from residents will be on file in the Land Use Office.

STAFF REPORT: Staff report was reviewed, discussion held.

Karl Walton made a motion to add the renewal application from Bruce Wood, for Gravel Operation at 223 Wood Road to the agenda, mark received, refer to the Planning Commission, and set public hearing for July 1, 2019 at 6:30pm. Dan Fraro seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Kevin Riley Re: 17 Ninth District Road – to discuss “Farm-to-table” operation  
Mr. Riley was not present at the meeting.

Nancy Knorr Re: 63 Maple Street – to discuss “Tea House”

Nancy Knorr presented a business proposal to the commission to open a Tea House at the former Bed and Breakfast on Maple Street. Discussion was held, and the commission agreed that this could possibly be under the same premise as a Bed and Breakfast only no overnight guests. The commission encouraged Mrs. Knorr to proceed with a formal application for Special Use permit.

MINUTES APPROVAL: May 6, 2019 & May 22, 2019 Karl Walton made a motion to approve the May 6 & 22 minutes as written. Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Karl Walton made a motion to adjourn. Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

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