

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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Member present, Jill Conklin, Dan Fraro and Lucas Cherry. Also present, Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison. Absent: Karl Walton and Paige Rasid

PUBLIC HEARING:

#19-011: Copper Hill Farm, Greg Hazelton, 144 Hall Hill Road, Somers. Pursuant to section 214-93 of the Zoning Regulations, requesting a Special Use permit for Food Festivals, Music Jamborees, and Markets in the A-1 Residential Zone.

Public hearing was opened at 6:31 pm. Greg Hazelton of Copper Hill Farm discussed his application for Special Use permit for Food Festivals and Music Jamborees. His plan is to hold a farmer's market in the spring and on in the fall. Mr. Hazelton is planning a larger festival in November with food truck vendors and some musicians throughout the day, and perhaps similar events at other times of the year.

Discussion was held. Due to a delay in the Planning Commission meeting, there is no referral back to zoning at this point. Jill Conklin asked Jennifer Roy to forward this application to Fire and Police and get any feedback they may have to offer. Ms. Conklin suggested the public hearing be continued to the October meeting to allow for referrals back from Planning Commission, as well as Fire, Police and Public Works.

Dan Fraro made a motion to continue the public hearing on Monday, October 7, 2019. Lucas Cherry seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: discussion/decision.

Decision for application #19-011 Copper Hill Farm is tabled to October 7, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pre-application review - Gingras Development. Donald Poland, Consultant for Tom Careno presented a proposal to the commission regarding changing the age-restricted housing approval for Mr. Careno's property on Eleanor Road. Mr. Poland walked the commission members through the packet he presented, explaining differences in units vs. school aged children new to the school district, citing the biggest concern of commissioners typically is a strain on the school system.

Discussions were held. Due to two members of the commission being absent, it was decided to continue the discussion at the October 7, 2019 meeting. Mr. Careno and Mr. Poland agreed.

STAFF REPORT: The commission was provided a staff report for their review.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Lucas Cherry made a motion to approve the July 1, July 15, and August 12, 2019 minutes as written. Dan Fraro seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Fraro made a motion to adjourn, Lucas Cherry seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

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