

**TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020
4:30 PM via Teleconference**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 4:37pm. Members present: Jill Conklin, Karl Walton, Lucas Cherry, Dan Fraro, and Paige Rasid. (Paige Rasid joined conference call at 4:55pm) Also present, Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. #20-006: The Union Agricultural Society of Somers, Enfield, Ellington and E. Windsor, Inc., 56 Egypt Road, Somers. Special Use Permit application in accordance with Zoning Regulations section 214-93 Temporary Commercial Uses to allow agricultural events/shows, public and private events such as car shows, fairs, festivals, family reunions, and the like.

Jennifer Roy explained the application to the commission. A discussion was held as to whether or not this was necessary. Ms. Roy explained in order for the Agricultural Society to rent the grounds to various groups for entities to hold events there, that would include the sale of alcoholic beverages, there should be a Special Use permit.

Karl Walton made a motion to accept the application, refer it to Planning, Town Sanitarian, and Town Attorney. Lucas Cherry seconded the motion. Discussion was held.

Due to confusion, and the commission looking for clarity from the Town Attorney, Karl Walton strikes his motion to accept, and motions to reject the application, and request re-submittal with clearer information. Lucas Cherry seconded the motion, Jill Conklin and Dan Fraro in favor, Paige Rasid abstains. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion/Possible Decision

1. #20-001: Gingras Development, Eleanor Road, Somers, CT. Proposed text amendment to add Article XXVI – Detached Housing Development Zone (DHD).

Discussion was held regarding the text amendment, and what sections the commission felt should be adjusted/corrected.

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Karl Walton made a motion to approve application #20-001, Gingras Development, Eleanor Road, Somers for proposed text amendment as written with the following corrections:

- Page 3 of 7: #8 to be removed entirely
- Page 5 of 7: D. the number of bedrooms be changed to two (2)
- Page 5 of 7: under 214-162 parking D. number of spaces be changed to three (3)
- Page 6 of 7: under 214-165 correct wording from “develop” to “development”
- Page 7 of 7: under 214-167 correct working from “wider” to “under”

Lucas Cherry seconds motion, all in favor, motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES APPROVAL: March 9, 2020

Dan Fraro made a motion to approve the minutes, Karl Walton seconded, all in favor, motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Lucas Cherry made a motion to adjourn, Karl Walton seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Roy