

**TOWN OF SOMERS - ZONING COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**  
**6:30 PM – TELECONFERENCE**



Meeting ID: 838 7068 9965 Passcode: 843018

CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 pm Members present: Jill Conklin, Karl Walton, Dan Fraro, Paige Rasid and alternate Bill Shapiro Absent: Lucas Cherry  
Also present Jennifer Roy, ZEO/Staff Liaison and Carl Landolina, Town Attorney

Jill Conklin stated Bill Shapiro, alternate, to be seated for Lucas Cherry. Ms. Conklin then read the CRCOG referral response to proposed updated regulations.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

#20-015 Town of Somers Zoning Commission - Adoption of revised Regulations  
#20-016 Town of Somers Zoning Commission - Adoption of revised Zoning Map

Legal notice read into the record.

Attorney George Schober asked to speak; stated for the record he objects to Bill Shapiro being seating for these proceedings as he is a staff member for the Law Firm which represents the Murdoch's.

Mr. Shapiro recused himself from the participating the public hearing/decision for the regulations.

Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics gave a brief presentation on the proposed draft regulations.

The floor was opened for public comments:

Mark Murdoch, 24 Gulf Rd, Somers – spoke suggesting changes to the Farm Winery section.  
Sean Clark, Attorney for the Murdoch's – spoke suggesting changes to the Farm Winery section, as well as several other parts of the regulations.

Ken Prior, 364 Mountain Rd, Somers – spoke in opposition of certain sections within the regulations; concerns pertaining to Farm Winery/Farm Brewery/Farm Distillery & function rooms being permitted in a residential zone.

Ken Coelho, 605 Stafford Rd, Somers – is in favor of the proposed regulations but has concerns about the Farm Winery regulation.

Eleanor Lebine, 9 Mountain Rd, Somers - spoke in opposition

Caroline Skowronek, 36 Grist Mill Terrace, Somers – spoke in favor

Paul and Donna Milliken, 99 Parker Rd, Somers – spoke in favor

George Schober, 98 Rocky Dundee, Somers – spoke in opposition of several sections of the proposed regulations; including but not limited to commercial kennels in residential zones, and winery/brewery/distilleries in residential zones.

Ryan Stager, 372 Mountain Rd, Somers – opposed to functions rooms and food trucks

Brad Gawron, 30 Haas Rd, Somers – spoke in opposition to several items

Kevin Riley, 17 Ninth District Rd, Somers –spoke in favor

George Schober, 98 Rocky Dundee, Somers – spoke in opposition of retail sales at wineries

Karen Murdoch, 32 Gulf Rd, Somers – spoke about wineries and concerns regarding same

Dominic Wilson, 50 Mulberry Ln, Somers – expressed concerns the farm winery regulation is ambiguous.

Monique Andrade, 204 Turnpike Rd, Somers – spoke in favor

Darryl Lecours, 21 Long Hill Dr, Somers – spoke in favor

Michelle Prior, 364 Mountain Rd, Somers – spoke in opposition

Tim Percoski, 55 Manse Hill Rd, Somers – spoke in favor

Bob Garlick, 52 Juniper Hill, Somers – spoke in favor, but expressed a few concerns

Discussion ensued between commission members and Glenn Chalder as to how to proceed. The commission as a whole agreed there are a few things to go over before closing the public hearing and moving on to decision.

Karl Walton made a motion to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30pm. Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

#### DICUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION

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Paige Rasid made a motion to table discussion/decisions. Karl Walton seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Karl Walton made a motion to adjourn, Paige Rasid seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned 8:51pm..

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