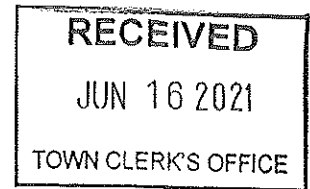


TOWN OF SOMERS - ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
MONDAY, June 7, 2021
6:30 PM Somers Town Hall Auditorium



I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:32pm Members present: Jill Conklin, Karl Walton, Paige Rasid and Dan Fraro. Absent: Lucas Cherry and Bill Shapiro
Also present Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison.

II. PUBLIC HEARING postponed from May 3, 2021:

#21-001: Mark and Karen Murdoch; application for a Text Amendment to the following sections of the Somers Zoning regulations; 214-4, 214-84, 214-87, and 214-98(B) to allow for Farm Winery and Vineyard/Brewery as a permitted use in all zones.

Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison read into the record, Kenneth Coelho, 605 Stafford Road, Somers, send written correspondence objecting to the application for text amendment. The following persons spoke regarding the application:

-Kenneth Prior, 364 Mountain Road – opposed

-Eleanor Lebine, 9 Mountain Road – opposed; Ms. Lebine submitted a letter dated June 19, 2012 from the then Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding noise (Exhibit 1) and a letter dated July 11, 2012 also from ZEO (Exhibit 2)

-George Schober, 98 Rocky Dundee – opposed;

Mr. Schober submitted the following exhibits

Exhibit 3 Town of East Granby Planning and Zoning minutes of 3/10/2020

Exhibit 4 Town of Somers Bd of Selectmen minutes of 9/17/2020

Exhibit 5 Email from First Selectman Bud Knorr to BOS member Tim Potrikus & Tim Keeney

Exhibit 6 Email from Tim Potrikus to Bud Knorr and Tim Keeney

Exhibit 7 Email from Mark Murdoch to the Somers Board of Selectmen

Exhibit 8 Email from First Selectman Bud Knorr to Glenn Chalder & Jill Conklin

Exhibit 9 Email from Tim Potrikus to Bud Knorr & Tim Keeney

Discussions were held. Mr. Schober asked if he is able to question the applicant. The applicant agreed. Attorney Sean Clark responded to Mr. Schober's questions on behalf of his clients Mark and Karen Murdoch.

Further discussions held. Applicant Mark Murdoch addressed the Zoning Commission.

Karl Walton made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:31pm. June 7, 2021. Paige Rasid seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION:

1. #21-001: Mark and Karen Murdoch; application for a Text Amendment to the following sections of the Somers Zoning regulations; 214-4, 214-84, 214-87, and 214-98(B) to allow for Farm Winery and Vineyard/Brewery as a permitted use in all zones.

Karl Walton made a motion to table discussion/decision to a special meeting July 6, 2021 at 6:30pm. Paige Rasid seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Staff report. Jennifer Roy, ZEO gave an update on the items listed in the staff report. Karl Walton asked Ms. Roy to obtain a list of events scheduled for Worthington Pond.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Karl Walton made a motion to approve May 3, 2021 minutes all as written. Dan Fraro seconded the motion; all in favor, all minutes approved as written.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT: Karl Walton made a motion to adjourn, Paige Rasid seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Roy, CZEO