

TOWN OF SOMERS - ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 7, 2022 6:30pm



CALL TO ORDER 6:30pm

Members present: Karl Walton, Jill Conklin, Chris Locatelli, Dan Fraro, and Jennifer Roy, Staff Liaison

Absent: Jim Formica

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by J.R. Russo & Associates for a solar array proposed, with an application pending before the Connecticut Siting Council to be located at Osborn Correctional Facility, 335 Bilton Road, Somers.

Tim Coon from JR Russo and Associates present to discuss plans for proposed solar array at Osborn Correctional Facility. Dan Giard and Ed Pustilnik from CT Green Bank and Sun Power joined via teleconference/zoom.

Mr. Coon explained the proposed site plan, 7.4 acres of solar fields, with no change in the topography of the property. The only additional site work will be to add a drainage system and storm water drains around the perimeter. The applicant is soliciting town input and recommendations as required by the CT Siting Council.

Brief discussions held. Mr. Pustilnik answered questions regarding the construction schedule. The plan is to begin sometime in July, and completed by October 2022. Once they have gone through siting council process.

Karl Walton stated the commission will provide a letter of positive referral back to the CT Siting Council. All commission members are in agreement with this referral.

STAFF REPORT: Jennifer Roy presented/discussed staff report, update on Hallie Lane project and Worthington Winery Special Use permit. Also, advised the commission of a public informational meeting to be held Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7pm by the Board of Selectmen to receive public comments on the retail sales and cultivation of cannabis.

Also discussed was a possible application(s) for Special Use permit(s) from Sarah Papale, 72 Billings Road. Ms. Papale would like to operate a kennel for dogs as well as horse boarding. The commission was provided a copy a letter, along with a floor and site plan from Ms. Papale. Discussion was held. The commission felt the uses proposed would be in general harmony with the property, and would consider official applications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2022 Dan Fraro made a motion to approve minutes as written. Jill Conklin seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT: Jill Conklin made a motion to adjourn, Dan Fraro seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Roy

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