

**TOWN OF EAST LYME  
ZONING COMMISSION  
JANUARY 16, 2014  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

**Marc Salerno, Chairman  
Matthew Walker  
Terence Donovan  
Norm Peck  
George McPherson  
William Dwyer, Alternate (Sat for Public Hearing)  
Peter Lukas, Alternate (Did Not Sit)**

FILED IN EAST LYME  
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Jan 23 2014 AT 8:35 AM/PM  
*William Walker, Clerk*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**Also Present:**

**Bill Mulholland, Zoning Officer**

**Members Absent:**

**James Liska, Alternate**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Salerno led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

There were no Public Delegations

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **Application of Cynthia Stevens, to amend the East Lyme Zoning Regulations Section 1.45a, Section 9.2.8, and Section 25.5 regarding pet daycare and boarding facilities**

Mr. Mullholland confirmed the legal advertisement had run on this item.

Mr. Walker read a letter from Mr. Mullholland.

Mr. Walker read a letter from the East Lyme Planning Commission.

Mr. Walker read a letter from Marcy Balint of the DEEP.

Mr. Walker read a letter from James Rabbitt of the SCCOG.

William and Cynthia Steven of 190 Shore Road, Waterford CT presented the application. They are interested in opening a high end boutique dog care service. It is a fast growing industry. There are similar businesses in Milford and North Branford. There is nothing in the current regulations that addresses this type of business. It is essentially similar to a children's day care, but for dogs. They will not have cages, it will be upscale, the dogs will be free to roam, there will be opportunities for the dogs to socialize, the dogs will be temperament tested, barkers will not be allowed. There will be people onsite at all times. Generally dogs that are playing do not bark. They will put small packs out at one time. They will also have acoustic paneling installed indoor and will ensure they are in accordance with the Town's Noise Ordinance . They will have to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. They will use industry approved containers for waste, and they will pick it up immediately. They will use environmentally friendly industry cleaners. They have spoken to Ledge Light Health District and they have no concerns. They will have an 8 foot high solid vinyl fence. The dogs won't see outside stimuli and acoustically it will keep the noise down. This type of business can increase tourism to town, and they will be a strong community advocate. The name of the business will be Salty Paws Resort. They will have 100 square foot per dog. There will be no dogs outside after 10:00 and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. they will have three dogs out at a time at no more than 5 minutes. They do plan on having an employee there overnight. They want to have a stand alone building. They plan on having grooming and light retail. There will be separate units for the dogs to sleep in, they will be referred to as suites and they will have couches in them for the dogs. They would like to have kitchen facilities for employees.

There was no public comment.

**Cynthia Stevens presented the Commission with Exhibit A: Zoning Regulations of other towns regarding Pet Boarding.**

They are looking to have 25 dogs per day.

The applicant agreed to continue the Public Hearing so amendments could be made to the proposed Regulations.

**Motion (1) Mr. McPherson moved to continue the Public Hearing.**

**Seconded by Mr. Walker.**

**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Miller Galbo  
Recording Secretary**