

TOWN OF EAST LYME

ZONING COMMISSION

MAY 18, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Walker, Chairman  
Terence Donovan  
Norm Peck  
William Dwyer  
George McPherson  
John Manning

FILED

May 23 2017 AT 8:00 AM/PM  
(C. Walker, Jr.)  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Mulholland, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Walker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no public delegations.

1. APPLICATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST LYME FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER SECTION 20.1.2.F OF THE EAST LYME ZONING REGULATIONS TOWN BUILDINGS AND USES FOR THE SAMUEL SMITH HOUSE AT 92 PLANTS DAM ROAD, NIAN TIC

Chairman Walker confirmed the legal advertisement ran on this item.

Mr. McPherson read a memo from Mr. Mulholland.

Elizabeth Murphy, 30 Saunders Drive stated she is Secretary of the Friends of Samuel Smith House and Property. They are a non-profit group that was formed with a lease from the Town. They are running and restoring the house for the Town. She is here tonight in response to a letter from Mr. Mulholland. She submitted a copy of the site plan, and an application for special permit listing what we have done the last three years. There are approximately 9-10 acres bought by Town. Town leased the property to Friends of Samuel Smith for purpose of preserving and maintaining historical, architectural and archeological qualities. The Lease requires the house be open to the public at least 12 days a year by publication or appointment. They will be open Sundays noon to three. June 10<sup>th</sup> is the State of Connecticut Open House Day and they will have guided tours of the house and gardens. Open Farm Day

is July 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a concert planned at McCook's, and they did get a permit from Park and Rec. They will be having a Soup and Cider event, and possibly a holiday greens sale.

Mr. McPherson asked if the Sportsmen's Club allows them to use their property for parking.

Elizabeth Murphy stated yes.

Mr. McPherson asked where the orchards are.

Elizabeth Murphy stated there is a plan to put them in.

Chairman Walker thanked them for the work they are doing on the property. What they are doing is very impressive.

Elizabeth Murphy stated donations can be made to the Friends of Samuel Smith House and Property, P.O. Box 126, Niantic CT 06357. We are a 501(C) (3).

Mark Christensen, Grassy Hill Road, Vice President of the Samuel Smith House is in favor and this will help to promote their cause and get people interested in it and restoration of the house.

**Motion (1) Mr. Donovan moved to adjourn the Public Hearing.**

**Seconded by Mr. Dwyer.**

**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Miller Galbo  
Recording Secretary**