

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
ZONING COMMISSION
June 21st, 2018
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present:

Matthew Walker, Chairman

Norm Peck

George McPherson

John Manning

Anne Thurlow, Alternate (*Sat as a Regular Member)

James Liska, Alternate (*Sat as a Regular Member)

William Dwyer, Alternate (*Sat as a Regular Member for the Public Hearing)

FILED IN EAST LYME
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JUN 25 18 AT 9:40 AM/PM
Matthew Walker
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present:

Bill Mulholland, Zoning Officer

Rose Ann Hardy, Ex-Officio

Absent:

Kimberly Kalajainen

Terence Donovan

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.

The Commission sat Mr. Liska and Ms. Thurlow as Regular Members for the evening.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Richard Waterman of 11 Lake Avenue Ext. came forward to speak. He explained he is the President of the East Lyme Puppetry Project and came to speak about A Frames for advertising (attached.)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application of Marge Linewebber, General Manager, My Dog's Place LLC, for a Special Permit for a dog daycare and training center at 7 Capitol Drive, Niantic, Connecticut. East Lyme Assessor's Map 09.0, Lot 22.
 - Mr. Walker noted the legal ad that was published for this application.

- Mr. McPherson read Mr. Mulholland's memorandum regarding this application into the record.

Mr. Peck recused himself from this item and Mr. Dwyer was seated as a regular member.

Marjorie Linewebber of 83 Oak Street, Ashland, Rhode Island came forward and detailed her application, and the nature of her business:

- There will be no overnight boarding, no grooming, and no pet store.
- Education and enrichment classes will be offered; weekend hours will be 9:00 a.m. – (on occasion but not always), 9:00 p.m.
- Ample parking exists for their needs.
- A retail area will have training supplies related to their classes and daycare only.
- Daycare hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 15 to 20 dogs will be in the care of a staff member.
- The 6,000 sq. feet outside daycare area will have a 6 foot chain link fence with screening; this will offer a visual barrier and helps muffle noise.
- Any barking is play barking- nuisance barking is not allowed.
- They have never had a noise complaint at their current Pennsylvania Avenue location.
- Feces are picked up immediately and they disinfect three times a day.
- The floor inside is cleaned daily.
- The outside will not be used as an outside play area after 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Walker commented on the excellence of Ms. Linewebber's presentation and noted they're already an established business.

Mr. Manning asked about the number of dogs in daycare and Ms. Linewebber responded 70 to 85.

Mr. Dwyer said he can't think of a better place for this business to be.

Mr. Walker noted there has not been a single complaint at their current location.

Ms. Hardy asked how many people are coming in from 6:30 a.m. - 7:10 a.m. noting the Town vehicles that leave from that locale, at that time. Ms. Linewebber explained cars trickle in from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. so traffic will not be an issue.

Mr. Walker called for Public Comment and there was none.

MOTION (1)

Mr. McPherson moved to close the Public Hearing.

Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion.

Motion passed, 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Brooke Stevens
Recording Secretary**

Zoning Commission

June 21, 7:15 PM

Topic A Frames for advertising

Richard Waterman, President ELPPI,

I am here by the request of a selectman and a member of the Zoning Board
I wish to talk to you about the use of A frames for advertising.

The ELPPI is a non-for profit organization which brings puppet shows for the people of East Lyme and surrounding towns. Our shows are family oriented and attract not only families but people of all ages and handicaps. At present our shows attract at least 100 people. Shows are held at the East Lyme Community Center. Our expenses are rental fees, advertising, insurance, and the cost of shows. Our income comes from ticket sales, grants, and donations from businesses, individuals and other community organizations such as the Rotary.

We have done over 12 shows in the past 4 years, conducted workshops in East Lyme Elementary schools and after some shows. We have a planned workshop for this coming fall. Our latest large activity will be the production of our first puppet show, "We the People", a story of the American Revolutionary War and Connecticut men such as David Bushnell of Saybrook and Ezra Lee of Lyme. This is the story of America's first submarine the "Turtle". It is a fascinating story of the attack upon the British fleet in 1776 and an episode of the sinking of a privateer ship in Niantic Bay in 1777. Its location is presently unknown. We have received a \$2500 grant to start up this project and we are preparing a puppetry show to support its development.

Now, our interest in the "A Frame". We have 2 A frames for our present show. One is in the foyer of the East Lyme Library. The other is in the Chelsea Groton Bank. Your ordinance on A Frames make it illegal to display them in public spaces. Yet they are found all over town. Some are put up by non-profits and others by businesses who want to bring customers into their stores. You are not enforcing your ordinance. **It is my opinion that either you enforce it or get rid of it.** A frames are important for advertising. They bring customers into stores and to various town activities sponsored by non-profits such as the Lions Club and the East Lyme Historical Society. I believe you should take action on your present ordinance. Be a friend to businesses and non-for profit organizations who work to make us a better town.

Pass out flyers.

The East Lyme



presents

Puppetry Project

The Three Little Pigs

Build a Better House

by Crabgrass Puppet Theater



Friday, June 29 at 1:00 PM

East Lyme Community Center

All Tickets: \$5 at the Door

* ELPPI thanks the  Chelsea Groton Foundation for helping fund this show.*