

East Lyme Zoning Commission Subcommittee on sign regulations
Meeting of April 22nd. 1996

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm at the town hall after having been duly posted in the town clerk's office.

Those present were ; Chris Mullaney, (resident and member of the zoning commission) Michele Masse, (Small business owner and member of the down town merchants association) Robert Simpson, (resident and real estate business owner) Lewis Bull (resident and commercial farmer)

The above, at present, make up the ad hock subcommittee who's purpose is to review the town's zoning sign regulations with the Intent to assure they fit the intent of the regulations, the character of the town and at the same time assure that they are clear and business friendly.

The committee has read the regulations and generally expressed their agreement that they are well written and need little change.

The committee was instructed that the entire sign regulation was fair game for comment and suggested change but that in particular there were three areas which the zoning board was interested in studying. They are; Temporary signs, Neon signs, community bill board and or civic organization signs.

During this session the committee reviewed each page of the sign regulations published in the East Lyme Zoning Regulations from page 67 to page 83.

They agreed that the following sections need further study, a change, or clarification.

18.1.6 There is missing content from pg. 74 to 75

18.1.7.1.2 the top line on pg. 76 is duplicated.

18.1.7.1 Who is the sign review committee and how are they organized? Is their organization governed by by-laws and if so where are they?

18.1.9.2 Existing signs; How is this section administered?

18.1.9.2 Signs in the public right-of-way. The wording of this section should be expanded to be more descriptive as to what is the public right-of-way.

18.1.11 Temporary signs. discussion was incomplete at this time with more to come. It was agreed to revisit this section later.

18.1.11.1.3 Real Estate signs. Off-premises signs were questions. This section may need clarification. (suggested wording is solicited from Messrs. Bull and Simpson)

18.1.12 Signs prohibited. there appears to be a conflict with Roof signs ? There are a number of roof signs around town.

18.1.12. 3 Neon signs. Discussion. a proposed rewrite of this regulation is to be presented in the future, as this regulation is not being enforced by the town's enforcement officer at this time.

Fee schedule pg. 89; It was the opinion of some that this should be clarified and possibly reduced. This may make compliance more palatable to the general public.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm and another meeting scheduled for a Tuesday night to be announced for the purpose of continuing this review and subsequently providing recommended changes.

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