

TOWN OF EAST LYME
ZONING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 6, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Members Present:
Marc Salerno, Chairman
Terence Donovan
Matthew Walker
George McPherson
Matthew Kane
James Liska, Alternate
Peter Lukas, Alternate

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Karen Malbo, clerk
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Members Absent:
Norm Peck
William Dwyer, Alternate

Also Present:
Rita Franco-Palazzo, Planning Representative
Holly Cheeseman, Ex-Officio

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Salerno called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Salerno led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no public delegations.

- 1. APPLICATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST LYME ZONING COMMISSION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EAST LYME ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 20.20.8 LIQUOR, REGARDING THE PROXIMITY TO LOCATION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP, TO REDUCE THE "200 FEET RADIUS" TO 100 FEET.**

Chairman Salerno confirmed the legal advertisement ran on this item.

Mr. Walker read a letter from the Planning Commission.

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

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

Chairman Salerno stated this is a Zoning Commission sponsored amendment, currently the Regulations allow a business that serves alcohol to be 200 feet from the lot line of a place of worship. Some people have come to the Zoning Office with proposed businesses for downtown. We like to encourage businesses and restaurants to open downtown. This new amendment would be building to building and not the lot line. Some lots are rather large. The Zoning Regulations Review Sub-Committee is looking into changing this Section a bit more, but would like to get this done sooner.

Mr. McPherson stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting and he tends to agree with them, Section 20.20.3 doesn't agree with 20.20.8.

Mr. Donovan stated that was brought to Mr. Mulholland's attention a few months ago and he believes that is a clerical error.

Chairman Salerno stated Section 20.20.6 says "Notwithstanding" the foregoing sections.

Mr. McPherson stated he doesn't agree with that. He feels it should be re-worked entirely at the same time.

Mr. Donovan stated regardless this item has to be addressed. The sub-committee met on Monday, and their proposed revisions will be submitted to the Zoning Commission in the near future. For the sake of assisting businesses in town he thinks we should move this along.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Walker stated Mr. McPherson's comment is a good point and it is well taken. We should make sure the language is consistent in the whole section.

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

Seconded by Mr. Walker.

Motion Passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Karen Miller Galbo
Recording Secretary**