

TOWN OF EAST LYME

ZONING COMMISSION

DECEMBER 1, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING

Members Present:

Marc Salerno, Chairman

Norm Peck

Steven Carpenteri

Rosanna Carabelas

Matthew Walker

William Dwyer, Alternate

FILED Dec 1, 2011
AT 3:00 P.M.

J. Blair
TOWN CLERK

Also Present:

Bill Mulholland, Zoning Officer

Rose Ann Hardy, Ex-Officio

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Salerno led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Salerno sat Mr. Dwyer as a regular member for the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no public delegations.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. APPLICATION OF THE EAST LYME ZONING COMMISSION, TO AMEND THE EAST LYME ZONING REGULATIONS SECTION 18 SIGN REGULATIONS, AND SECTION 18 TABLE 1.5A

Mr. Mulholland confirmed that the legal advertisement had run on this item.

Chairman Salerno stated this has been put forward by the sign sub-committee, which consisted of himself, Mr. Walker, Ms. Carabelas, and RoseAnn Hardy and Mr. Mulholland also participated. They have decided to do this as a registration and not as a permit.

There was discussion of not having a charge for this, and if there was a charge, they would have to pay the state 60.00 for each one. Businesses would just have to register with the town and will not need a permit.

Mr. Dwyer asked if this would cover the sandwich signs on the Green.

Chairman Salerno stated that would not be covered by this.

Mr. Dwyer asked how to control the signs on the Green.

Chairman Salerno stated that would be subject to a different discussion, but there is a need for it.

Mr. Walker stated that was not the focus of the sub-committee.

Ms. Carabelas stated the Green can be very messy and disrespectful to the Veteran's Memorial.

Chairman Salerno reviewed the Regulations.

Mr. Peck asked if they discussed digital signs.

Chairman Salerno stated they are continuing to discuss items.

Public Comment:

Tom Kalal, of 80 Grassy Hill Road, stated the farm stand proposal may hinder farm business. If they only allow one directional sign at the intersection nearest to the farm it may be ineffective. Glastonbury and Portland allow three directional signs. If East Lyme wants to be farm friendly they should allow multiple directional signs.

Chairman Salerno stated the Regulation is for Farm Stands and Farm Stores, not for Farms.

Ms. Carabelas stated this does not affect what Mr. Kalal was discussing.

Mr. Peck suggested a standard farm sign.

Chairman Salerno thought that would be a good idea.

Mr. Mulholland stated Mr. Peck had a good point, and the Farm Commission may be pleased with a standard sign.

Tom Kalal reminded the members that the local food movement is coming East. It is all about protecting agricultural land in our community.

Motion (1) Ms. Carabelas moved to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Mr. Carpenteri.

Motion Passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Miller Galbo".

Karen Miller Galbo
Recording Secretary