

**PUBLIC HEARING I Thursday, MARCH 5, 2009
EAST LYME ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Application of the Town of East Lyme Parks & Recreation Dept. for a Special Permit to install lighting at the Smith Harris little league field located on Society Road, Niantic, CT on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT. Acting Chairman Carabelas opened the Public Hearing and called it to order at 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Rosanna Carabelas, Acting Chairman, Marc Salerno, Acting Secretary, Ed Gada, Norm Peck, Steve Carpenteri, William Dwyer, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Putnam, Parks & Recreation Director
William Mulholland, Zoning Official
Rose Ann Hardy, Ex-Officio, Board of Selectmen

ABSENT: Mark Nickerson, Chairman, Bob Bulmer, Alternate, Gregory Massad, Alternate

PANEL: Rosanna Carabelas, Acting Chairman, Marc Salerno, Acting Secretary, Ed Gada, Norm Peck, Steve Carpenteri, William Dwyer, Alternate

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

Public Hearing I

1. Application of the Town of East Lyme Parks & Recreation Dept. for a Special Permit to install lighting at the Smith Harris little league field located on Society Road, Niantic, CT

Acting Chairman Carabelas said that the Legal Ad for this application had run in The Day on February 20, 2009 and March 2, 2009.

She then asked Marc Salerno, Acting Secretary to read the correspondence into the record. Mr. Salerno read the following correspondence:

- ◆ Memo dated 3/5/09 to the East Lyme Zoning Commission from Wm. Mulholland, Zoning Official – Re: Special Permit Application of Town of East Lyme Parks & Recreation to install lighting at Smith Harris Little League – noting it is an ancillary use to the existing ball field and is regulated under Section 20.1-F of the regulations and under the Special Permit regulations in Section 25.

Ms. Carabelas called upon the applicant or their representative for a presentation of this application. Dave Putnam, Director of Parks & Recreation said that this is Field #3 which is located behind the Middle School on Society Road. The Little League wants to light this field and all of the funding to do so is coming from money raised by the Little League. He submitted **Exhibit 1 & 1A** – color pictures of the lighting fixtures and **Exhibit 2** – picture of cut-off lighting (spill & glare) for the record. He explained that the lighting shines directly down and does not spill out to neighboring areas.

Mr. Peck asked if this lighting has less light spill than the other fields.

Mr. Putnam said yes, much less.

Mr. Mulholland asked if this field would be used solely by the little leagues.

Mr. Putnam said that it would be used mostly for little league baseball.

Ms. Carabelas called for comments from the public, in favor of this application –

Grant Livingston, 14 Mohawk Drive said that he is the President of the Little League and that this project is costing \$95,000 and that the Little League is purchasing this all by itself. The lights have a 25 year life span. There are approximately 550 kids in this Town who are involved in little league. He said that this is a good improvement for the Town and thanked Mr. Putnam and the Parks & Recreation Dept. for all of their help with this.

Ms. Carabelas called for comments from the public against or neutrally on this application –

Hearing none –

Ms. Carabelas asked if the Commissioners had any other questions –

Hearing none –

Ms. Carabelas called for a motion to close this Public Hearing.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Salerno moved that this Public Hearing be closed.

Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Ms. Carabelas closed this Public Hearing at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary