

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2023 – 7:30PM
HELD AT GOSHEN TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Laura Lemieux, Lu-Ann Zbinden, Patrick Lucas, Cindy Barrett, Jim Withstandley, William Clinton and Jerrold Abrahams

EXCUSED: Don Wilkes

OTHERS: Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer Martin Connor and Garrett Harlow.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. Jim Withstandley was appointed as alternate.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: None

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Commission reviewed the minutes of August 22, 2023.

IN A MOTION by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Ms. Barrett, it was voted to accept the minutes from August 22, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carries.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Garrett Harlow, Town of Goshen, Site Plan, 190 Sharon Turnpike - Construct vehicle and equipment storage building for Town of Goshen and Goshen Fire Company use: It was requested that a brief presentation be done. Mr. Garrett Harlow of the Goshen Department of Public Works (licensed landscape architect) presented a site plan; aerial photos were shown; 100 foot setback and 500 square foot pocket of wetlands was discussed; evergreen trees will be planted; plans of the building were shown and are on file at Town Hall; Vice Chair asked how much will be seen from the road, Mr. Harlow said very little and they will have a line of evergreen trees; Vice Chair asked where will lightning be, Mr. Harlow showed where lights will be on plan and they are shoebox lights, 1 foot candle of light on motion detector and will have shields. Ms. Zbinden asked if the driveway would be paved. Mr. Harlow, yes there is already a paved apron and it will continue off that. Ms Barrett, what size will the trees be? Mr. Harlow, 6 to 8 feet and there will be 14. Mr. Lucas stated that he needs to recuse himself since he is on the building committee. Mr. Connor informed the board that a written request was received for a public hearing and he recommended that they accept the application and set a public hearing for the next meeting.

IN A MOTION by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Ms. Barrett, it was voted to accept the application for Garrett Harlow, Town of Goshen, Site Plan, 190 Sharon Turnpike. Construct vehicle and equipment storage building for Town of Goshen and Goshen Fire Company use and set a Public Hearing for November 28, 2023.

Motion carries.

B. Public Act 23-142, Zoning Compliance Protections for Group and Family Child Care Homes - It is a regulation so that group homes and family child care are not treated differently. We have the old regulation number of 87-232 and it is needing to be fixed by the end of the year. Mr Connor did not feel it needed a public hearing.

IN A MOTION by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Mr. Withstandley, it was voted to replace Public Act 87-232 with Public Act 23-142. Motion carries.

6. **ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Connor did a brief review of the report and update on various items and that they have 4 new ones this month.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** CT Law Association webinar information given and clerk will email out information. Email from Marissa Wright received requesting a Public Hearing.
8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** Ms. Zbinden Thanked Mr. Wilkes and Ms. Lemieux for the many years of service to the commission and the Town.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

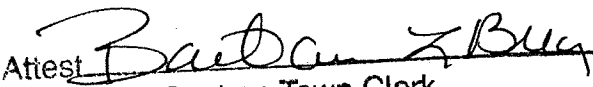
IN A MOTION made by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Mr. Withstandley to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Clinton
Commission Clerk

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk