

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2022 – 7:30PM
HELD AT GOSHEN TOWN HALL AND BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

PRESENT: Chairman Don Wilkes, Cynthia Barrett, Lu-Ann Zbinden, Patrick Lucas, Jim Withstandley, and William Clinton.

EXCUSED: Laura Lemieux and Leya Edison

OTHERS: Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer Martin Connor, Marty Harris, Scott Olson, and Henrietta Horvay

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. The meeting was conducted in person at Goshen Town Hall and virtually through Zoom and recorded digitally. Chairman Wilkes sat Jim Withstandley as a regular member for this meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: None

3. READING OF THE MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 24, 2022, regular meeting.

IN A MOTION by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Ms. Barrett, it was voted to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carries

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Economic Development Commission - Proposed amendments to Zoning Regulations Section 6.4 Signs. Marty Connor presented and read into record his "Proposed amendments to Zoning Regulations Section 6.4 Signs", dated June 21, 2022.

Proposed amendments are as follows:

*Amend Section 6.4.3.2 to allow no more than 3 signs per building occupant

*Amend Section 6.4.3.2 to allow Sandwich board or A-Frame sign. Change to section 6.4.3.3a to omit not permitted to permitted and add lawn to list of not permitted signs.

*Amend Section 6.4.3.2 to increase the maximum square footage of a free standing sign from 36 square feet to 48 square feet. Omit not permitted to permitted, and add lawn to list of not permitted signs.

*Amend section 6.4, Signs, Table 1 - b Signs Permitted in Residential Zones - Maximum Sign Area. Omit 2 square feet or 4 square feet for a lot fronting on State Routes 4 & 63 to Maximum Sign Area - 12 square feet

Ms. Zbinden asked if the sandwich board or A-Frame signs could be restricted to professional hours only. Mr. Connor noted that he would add the proposed text to the amendments. The revised amendment proposal will be sent to the NWCOG, posted on the Town website, send to the EDC, and a public hearing will be properly noticed.

IN A MOTION by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Ms. Barrett, it was voted to set a public hearing for the August 23, 2022 meeting for changes in signage to Zoning Regulations. Motion carries.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
6. **ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Connor did a brief review of the June report. Mr. Weigold had asked Mr. Connor for a copy of Ms. Carroll's Farm Regulation text amendments as well as the email from Alternate member Ms. Edison regarding his application. Mr. Connor also noted that a few people have contacted him about possible subdivisions.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** Mr. Connor talked about the email he sent the Board, with permission of Chairman Wilkes, from the conference hosted by the CT Bar Association. The email included examples of cases from various towns in CT that were brought to court, including the arguments and judgements. There is also information on how the courts think the PZC should conduct business. It is a good read and reference for the Board.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

IN A MOTION made by Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Ms. Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk ProTem

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Attest Danielle H. Thurett
Goshen Town Clerk