

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2008
(Not yet approved by the Commission)**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman James Curtin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Grange.

2. ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cary Brownell-Chairman (regular member), James Curtin (regular member), David Hughes (regular member), John Matthew (regular member), Bernard Gillis (alternate member), Harvey Thomas (regular member),

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Phillip Barlow (regular member), Kevin Matthews (alternate member), Anthony Saraco (regular member)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Mr. Curtin appointed Mr. Gillis to vote in place of Mr. Saraco this evening.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SET HEARING DATES

A) Proposed Regulation Amendment – Section 18 – Special Flood Hazard Area Regulation

Mr. Brownell informed the Commission that the information for this has gone to the State, and Mr. Ventres recommended a public hearing be scheduled for the second August meeting.

Mr. Brownell asked if the Commission went over this information at the last meeting. It was noted that they had not. Mr. Thomas noted there would be one meeting before the public hearing. He suggested that Mr. Ventres have the old and new maps so the Commission could review the differences. He noted that historically, Mr. Ventres highlights the changes in the language, and he would like to have Mr. Ventres speak about the changes in the regulation. Mr. Thomas also asked if Attorney Branse had reviewed the latest draft. He noted that in the package the Commission received that it appeared the Commission had to act on this by August 28. He asked if the Commission should schedule a special meeting for this. Mr. Brownell believed that the reason the August 26 public hearing was requested was because this was the earliest they could schedule it with the notifications that were sent. He stated the Commission could discuss the regulation at the first August meeting.

Motion by Mr. Curtin to schedule a public hearing on August 26, 2008 for the Proposed Regulation Amendment – Section 18 – Special Flood Hazard Area Regulation. Seconded by Mr. Gillis, and carried by unanimous vote.

4. LOT LINE REVISION

A) Application 08-14, Scott Lennon, 102 Bashan Road, proposed lot line revision.

Assessor's Map 58, Lot 132.

First date: July 22, 2008

Last date: September 24, 2008

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Brownell stated that there had been a request to continue this discussion.

Motion by Mr. Thomas to continue Application 08-14, Scott Lennon, 102 Bashan Road, proposed lot line revision until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Curtin, and carried by unanimous vote.

5. ZEO REPORT

Mr. Ventres was not present to give a report.

Mr. Brownell asked if everyone received the reading of the American Legion lighting. The Commissioners responded affirmatively. Mr. Curtin stated that per the report, the levels were well under the limits. Mr. Brownell asked if anyone had attended any games there, but none of the Commissioners had. Mr. Brownell stated he had not heard anything further on this. Mr. Thomas suggested the Commission ask Mr. Ventres about this at the next meeting. Mr. Curtin noted that when he stood in the neighbor's yard during the field walk, he could not make out the features of the back yard.

Mr. Brownell noted that there was a letter in the packets from CRERPA. He stated if anyone needed further information about this, to let him know. Mr. Thomas noted that approximately one year ago, a representative from CRERPA gave a presentation to the Commission. He believed Mr. Ventres had the maps presented at that meeting if anyone was interested.

Mr. Curtin noted that Mr. Ventres was going to have Mr. Thumm, the Public Works Director, bring a bus out to assess the intersection of Andrews Road and Route 149. He stated they had discussed this at the last meeting. Mr. Curtin noted that Public Works just put in a catch basin with a curb, and he believed this was going to be an issue with busses turning. He stated that Clark Gates Road was just paved, and it looked nice; however, it was going to be tight getting traffic through, particularly with the new curbing. He noted that the turn from North Moodus Road was narrow also. Mr. Brownell asked if the Town had put in the rumble strip on Clark Gates like they were supposed to do. Mr. Curtin stated they had not yet.

Mr. Brownell stated he received the map of the school property. He asked if the Commissioners had any idea what will eventually happen with this property. Mr. Curtin stated this was briefly discussed at the last meeting, and he believed it would all be held by the Board of Education and used for education. It was noted that there was a great deal of ledge, wetlands, and slopes. Mr. Brownell agreed.

Mr. Brownell stated that he is on the cemetery committee. East Haddam is running out of burial space, and all of the Town-owned cemeteries are booked. He stated if the Town itself wanted to have any

cemetery space, it would have to do something. He wondered if any of the property near the school site could be used.

Mr. Matthew asked what the advantage would be for the Town to own cemeteries. Mr. Brownell was not sure there was an advantage or not. He noted that people have tried to donate land to the Town for cemeteries, but they had to jump through many hoops in order to donate. He stated he talked with the First Selectman, and he would be open to discussions if people were interested in donating land.

Mr. Gillis asked if it would be more practical to expand the existing cemeteries rather than find space for new cemeteries. Mr. Brownell agreed that this might be a more practical approach. He noted that he recently read an article about “green” cemeteries, where even the urns were bio-degradable. Other cemeteries discussed in the article allowed family to plant a tree, etc. He stated he just wanted everyone to think about cemetery space.

6. MINUTES

Mr. Curtin gave instructions to file the minutes of the July 8, 2008 regular meeting minutes, with the following amendment:

- Page 5, 5th paragraph, first sentence: Add “around the cul-de-sac” after “area”

7. BILLS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NL Jacobson & Associates (Zito site plan)	15114	\$301.40
Shoreline News (legal notices)	2299236	43.28
Suburban Stationers	3414945-0	12.99

Motion by Mr. Curtin to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Gillis, and passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Curtin to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina