

THE ZONING COMMISSION
Town of New Fairfield
New, Fairfield, CT 06812
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DATE: October 13, 2021
TIME: 7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Call to Order

John Moran called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Present

John Moran, Kevin VanVlack, Gary Mummert (alternate), and Town Official Zoning Enforcement Officer, Evan White.

Gary Mummert was elevated to a voting member.

Public Hearing

1) Public Hearing Discussion & Town Resident’s Input Regarding: REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS ACT (Public Act 21:1).

Kathy Hanley, a member of the prevention council, wanted to listen and how the interest of residents on the regulation of cannabis in the Town of New Fairfield. She stated that there are built in prohibitions within the law regarding youth. She stated that a retail cannabis store could change the view of cannabis for the youth in town. She stated that location and the number of stores would need to be taken into consideration. She offered information on the effects of cannabis. John Moran requested the fact sheets. Kathy Hanley will email the fact sheets to Evan White so that it can be distributed to the board members. John Moran stated that it should not be about money it should be about what is best for the town. Kathy Hanley stated that the surrounding towns have either a moratorium or have gone with prohibition of cannabis stores. Gary Mummert stated that his point of view that if it is available recreationally then it would be beneficial for those that use it medically. He is interested in the factual data from good sources.

Kevin VanVlack made a motion to continue the public hearing discussion for REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS ACT (Public Act 21:1). Gary Mummert seconded the motion.

John Moran	Yes
Kevin VanVlack	Yes
Gary Mummert	Yes

2) SP-21-016-Special Permit for 16 Lake Drive South regarding Excavation, Removal, Filling, and Grading of Earth Material within 300’ feet of the 440 Line Under Section 6.4. Applicant Yakov Krayn. – Per John Moran this should not have been on the agenda it was already taken care of.

Business Items

1) Withdrawal SP-21-008-Special Permit for 31 Madeline Drive regrading and re-sloping of building lot prior to obtaining building and zoning permits-Section 6.44. Applicant Asim Alimi. Per John Moran this should not have been on the agenda it was withdrawn due to pending litigation.

- 2) **SP-21-016-Special Permit for 16 Lake Drive South regarding Excavation, Removal, Filling, and Grading of Earth Material within 300' feet of the 440 Line Under Section 6.4. Applicant Yakov Krayn.** Per John Moran & Evan White this should not have been on the agenda it was already approved.
- 3) **SP-21-019-Site Plan for 80/90 State Route 39-Directory Sign under section 6.3 Signs. Applicant David Bernardini.** Per John Moran the decision on signage will be made by Evan White. Evan White shared pictures of the sign.

Correspondence

None

Enforcement Actions

None

Adjournment

John Moran adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

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by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield