

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
ASHFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 104
5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT
January 9, 2017**

Present: Jeff Silver-Smith (Chair), Alex Hastillo (Secretary), Gerry Dufresne, Doug Jenne, Gerry Nagy, Tom Paul, Richard Williams, Nord Yakovleff, Janet Bellamy (alt.), Tim Moran (alt.), Michael Gardner (Zoning Officer), and Francine Hodovan (Recording Secretary).

Guests: Cathryn Silver-Smith.

1. Call to Order: The January 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Silver-Smith at 7:03 p.m.

2. Seating of Alternates: Ms. Bellamy was seated for Mr. Zaicek.

3. Review of Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting: MR. PAUL MOVED AND MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2016 P&ZC MEETING AS WRITTEN. VOTING FOR: SILVER-SMITH, HASTILLO, BELLAMY, DUFRESNE, JENNE, MORAN, PAUL, WILLIAMS AND YAKOVLEFF. VOTING AGAINST: NONE. ABSTAINING: NAGY. MOTION PASSED: 9 -0.

4. Bills: Ms. Hodovan submitted a bill for tonight's meeting and Mr. Hastillo submitted a bill for the November meeting.

5. Correspondence: None.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. New Business:

a. Special Permit Application from Garrett Homes, LLC. An application was submitted by Ms. Dorian Famiglietti of Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela, LLP for a Special Permit for retail development on the property at 3-5 Squaw Hollow Road. The documents were received for review prior for the special hearing to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission.

MR. NAGY MOVED AND MR. JENNE SECONDED A MOTION TO RECEIVE THE APPLICATION FROM GARRETT HOMES, LLC. VOTING FOR: SILVER-SMITH, HASTILLO, BELLAMY, DUFRESNE, JENNE, MORAN, NAGY, PAUL, WILLIAMS AND YAKOVLEFF. VOTING AGAINST: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. MOTION PASSED: 10 -0.

MR. NAGY MOVED AND MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR GARRETT HOMES, LLC FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES, ROOM 104. VOTING FOR: SILVER-SMITH, HASTILLO, BELLAMY, DUFRESNE, JENNE, MORAN, NAGY, PAUL, WILLIAMS AND YAKOVLEFF. VOTING AGAINST: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. MOTION PASSED: 10 -0.

8. Zoning Officer's Report: There is no current zoning activity other than the receipt of the application tonight.

9. Other Business: Two or 3 meetings ago P&Z regulations Section 6b, Signage, was under discussion. It was noted that a number of businesses do not turn off their signage lighting by 11:00 p.m. because they are open 24 hours or do business 24 hours a day. Commissioners were requested to review Article 6, b. and come to the next meeting with their ideas and changes to the article as it exists to allow those businesses to leave their illuminated signs on and still comply with the regulations.

Mr. Gardner stated that he received information on a new Land Use seminar that will be held in March at Wesleyan University presented by the CT Bar Association. A number of land use attorneys will discuss a good range of topics. Individuals who go will be reimbursed and if you drive, mileage will also be reimbursed. Carpooling is encouraged. He will email a scanned copy of the invitation to all Commission members. If everyone coordinates beforehand, the Finance Department can submit a check in advance. If you decide to go afterward, you will be reimbursed based on your receipts. For more information, contact the Land Use Office.

Mr. Williams asked if Mr. Silver-Smith had contacted Mr. Filchak yet regarding getting copies of the POCD and its original art work. M. Gardner said that he'd spoken with Sam Alexander.

10. Hear From Public: None.

11. Adjournment: MR. WILLIAMS MOVED AND MR. PAUL SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASHFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. VOTING FOR: SILVER-SMITH, HASTILLO, BELLAMY, DUFRESNE, JENNE, MORAN, NAGY, PAUL, WILLIAMS AND YAKOVLEFF. VOTING AGAINST: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. MOTION PASSED: 10 -0.

The January 9, 2017 meeting of the Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Hodovan
Recording Secretary