

Present: Tom Failla, Chairman; Jane Connolly, Vice Chairman; Don Saltzman, Ken Edgar, Sally Korsh, Britta Lerner – Absent: Jim Carlon

Also present: Land Use Director

Meeting recorded digitally on April 6, 2015

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: SPECIAL PERMIT, WESTON FARMER'S MARKET, 104 WESTON ROAD (WESTON WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

Ken Edgar recused himself as he is a member of the Weston Historical Society Board. The Chairman, whose wife is on the WHS Board, stated that he had no conflict and his relationship would not affect his vote.

Margaret Krauss, President of Weston Woman's League was present representing the head of the Farmer's Market. The Commission had granted the Farmer's Market a four year Special Permit pursuant to Section 341.10.2 of the Weston Zoning Regulations which will expire on July 18th, 2015. The Board of Selectmen granted a waiver for the fee for the application to renew the permit.

The Chairman moved that the Commission receive the application for a Special Permit, Weston Farmer's Market, 104 Weston Road. Seconded by Jane Connolly. Vote in favor (5-0) Ken Edgar recused. Jim Carlon absent.

There will be a public hearing on May 4th.

DISCUSSION/DECISION: APPOINTMENT OF TRACY KULIKOWSKI, LAND USE DIRECTOR AS TEMPORARY ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

After a discussion the Commission made the following motion:

Ken Edgar moved that the Commission issue a standing instruction to the Land Use Department that appoints Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director, to serve as the Temporary Zoning Enforcement Officer at those times when James Pjura, Zoning Enforcement Officer is not available for service due to illness or vacation, or when otherwise necessary. Seconded by Jane Connolly. Vote in favor (6-0) Jim Carlon absent.

DISCUSSION/DECISION: POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO SECTION 312.7 OF THE ZONING REGULATION, SETBACK FROM WATERCOURSES

The Land Use Director handed out a sheet prepared by her and the Chairman with background and proposals to modify proposals to modify or delete Section 312.7 of the Zoning Regulation, Setback from Watercourses. This section has been in the regulations since 1970 and before the formation of the Conservation Commission. A discussion followed.

The Commission would still have to go thru an amendment process of notifying COG for their approval and then the Commission could hold a public hearing at the June 8th meeting.

Sally Korsh moved that the Commission submit the proposed deletion of Section 312.7 of the Zoning Regulation, Setback from Watercourses by notifying the Council of Governments and after review and comment by that body, schedule a public hearing. Seconded by Ken Edgar. Vote in favor (6-0) Jim Carlon absent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman stated that the First Selectman, Gayle Weinstein is creating a broader planning proposal for the Town of Weston. After a discussion the Chairman alerted the Commission that a formal proposal from the Town to the Commission might be forthcoming in the future.

The Chairman stated that the Commission would be holding its regular meeting on May 4th and will have a Special Meeting May 18 for a follow up to its September workshop. Cohen and Wolf will cover topics from 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development on cluster and accessory housing and update the Commission on the new incentive affordable housing law.

Don Saltzman stated that he noted clear cutting on a Norfield Road lot and felt that maybe a Zoning Regulation was needed. A discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Approval: approved with edits