

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026
BARKHAMSTED TOWN COMMUNITY ROOM**

Acting Chairman, Christina Lavieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Tom Andersen, John Polderman and alternate Bob Pulford. Bob Pulford was seated for James Hart. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer, Debbie Brydon

NEW APPLICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**A. SHILOSKY, BRANDON, APPLICANT/OWNER, 23 FENN DR.
APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION**

The public hearing opened at 7:02. The applicant, Brandon Shilosky advised the commission that he was applying for his lawn irrigation business. It is just himself and one employee. Water is provided on site at the jobs. It is a seasonal business and not open in the Winter. They work four (4) days a week. The two trucks leave in the morning and come back at night. Sometimes the applicant may come home for lunch. Mr. Shilosky maintains the driveway. None of the trucks are visible from the road or any neighbors. The plastic pipes are stored in the trucks. One of the trucks is being stored at Collinsville Antiques. He will have no signage and no sales from the home. Staff read a letter into the record from Kathleen Hamond, an abutter, who has no problem with the home occupation. Robert Bahre, Bryce Zigmont and Peter Ferraresso spoke in favor of the applicant. Many neighbors spoke against the application. Eric and Helen Landgraf, Eleanor Herrick, Matt Kelly, Mark Granquist and Gina and Paul Lestage and Ann and Fred Fenn. Eric Landgraf questioned why there was no site plan. Eleanor Herrick spoke of having well problems and felt tanks were being filled at the neighbors. The applicant stated that no water was taken from his well and he has an agreement with Tom Hinman and gets his water from Riverside Nursery. Matt Kelly advised the commission that he had a survey that shows a portion of the driveway on his property. There were complaints about the noise, the dust and the runoff from the driveway damaging the road and possibly contaminating the wetlands. The neighbors feel that this business will impact the neighborhood and reduce their property values and enjoyment of their properties. Charlie Watson questioned why there would be a business allowed in a residential neighborhood. The public hearing was closed at 8:15 pm.

PENDING APPLICATIONS:

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Discussion with the commission members will continue at next meeting held on May 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Barkhamsted Community Room at the Town Garage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 23, 2026:

Polderman made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2026, seconded by Pulford and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Staff advised that Steve Byrne, Esq. can do a 4 hour training session for the PZC for to meet their training requirements. Possibly an evening from 4:30 to 8:30 with a pizza.

REPORT FROM ZEO: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the audience questioned where the notices were posted. Staff advised that is was in The Hartford Courant.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

John Polderman
Secretary