

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

Chairman Christina Lavieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were James Hart, Tom Andersen, Frank Kaczyński, John Polderman and alternates Rejean Labrie, Paul Duran and Robert Pulford. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer, Debbie Brydon. Selectman, Donald S. Stein was also present.

NEW APPLICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. PROPOSED ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENT TO ADD SOLAR TRACKING DEVICES BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO SECTION 193-61A

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. Members of the public asked what a solar tracking device looked like. Tom Andersen described what they looked like and how they operated. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. PROPOSED ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENT FOR FARM YOUTH CAMPS. AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 193-27A TABLE OF USES AND ADD BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION ARTICLE VIII, 193-63D FARMING AND AGRICULTURAL CAMPS FOR CHILDREN

Hart made a motion to approve the amendment, as presented, seconded by Kaczyński. Selectman Stein spoke against the amendment. He felt the present owners should have done the research before buying a residential property for their business. He agreed that another amendment should be crafted to promote agriculture and teaching children about farming. He just felt this was not the best amendment to accomplish that.

The rest of the commission also felt that this proposed amendment does not make sense and will not accomplish what the commission is looking for.

All commission members voted against the amendment. The amendment was denied.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2023, seconded by Andersen and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING: Staff asked the commission to vote on the solar tracking amendment as presented. Hart made a motion to approve the solar tracking amendment, seconded by Andersen and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public thanked the commission for denying the Youth Farm Camp amendment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

James Hart
Secretary