

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
BARKHAMSTED TOWN GARAGE**

Chairman, Christina Lavieri, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Frank Kaczynski, John Polderman, Tom Andersen and alternate Bob Pulford. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer, Debbie Brydon and First Selectman, Nick Lukiwsky.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEW APPLICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

PENDING APPLICATIONS: NONE

DISCUSS POSSIBLE ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENTS:

Selectman Lukiwsky was present and advised the commission that he had spoken to Attorney Andrew Glassman, who has become an expert in cannabis regulations. Since the moratorium on cannabis sales expired on December 1, 2023 the commission asked the Selectman's office to put a question on the next referendum to ask the town residents how they felt about cannabis sales in Barkhamsted. Unfortunately we cannot get this question on the primary ballot in April and you need a petition signed by 10% of the voters to put this question on a ballot. Commission members asked staff to consult with the Town Planner, Martin Connor about crafting an amendment to the regulations to not allow cannabis sales in Town. (Note: Staff has consulted with Marty Connor and you cannot have another one year moratorium without amending the regulations and having a public hearing).

The commission then discussed the proposed amendment regarding outdoor sales by Special Exception in the RC/PVC zone. Staff also advised the commission that the new tenant at the Riverton Shops was requesting to have an acoustic group play on opening day from 10 am till 4 pm. Many of the neighbors have been complaining about the parking on both sides of the road. Andersen suggested that the tenant talk to the neighbors and get their written permission for just this one time on April 6th while the commission continues to discuss this proposed amendment. The amendment will continue to be discussed at the next workshop meeting on March 28th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2024:

Andersen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2024, seconded by Kaczynski and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Reviewed; no action taken.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

James Hart
Secretary