

Town of North Canaan

Food Truck Ordinance Committee

May 1st, 2019

Present: Chairman Craig Whiting, Sam Leary, Chris Tripler, Fred Huton

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

Chris Tripler made a motion to accept the previous minutes. The motion was seconded by Fred Huton. Motion carried 4-0.

Open discussion began. Craig presented the committee with a possible fee schedule for food trucks.

Non-resident owners Mon-Thurs \$30 a day; Friday-Sunday \$40 a day; One Month \$100; One Year \$250

Resident owned and Taxed in North Canaan = Mon-Thurs \$10 a day; Friday-Sunday \$20 a day; One Month \$50; One Year \$100

Much discussion continued with talks about the fees not being high enough. Looking through the ordinances we had on file from other towns the fees seemed to be in line with other towns. Discussion from the audience was mixed for those supporting food trucks and the new people they would bring to town as well as those that didn't believe they would be any benefit at all to the town. Many different options were discussed, and conversation had to be stopped as it was being directed primarily at the Brewery. The other problem was that the fee system would not eliminate the previous year's issue with a food truck being able to park on one piece of property and just be moved daily to stay within the Torrington Area Health regulations of being a food truck and not a business that would have to follow the regulations of a brick and mortar business.

Fred, who is in the process of building a food truck mentioned that the town of Sheffield only allows a food truck to pull 2 permits a year, but after that would be allowed to again if there was a special event. The issue was that you could determine anything a special event.

The committee came to the agreement that maybe the best avenue would be to limit the number of times any one food truck could visit town in a calendar year. This would also eliminate the issue of having a food truck parked on one piece of property for the entire season and just moving a couple of feet each day. The initial number of permits per truck, per year was thought to be between 10-15. With this it was thought that if you were a food truck registered in North Canaan that the limit would not be applicable. But through further discussion this would make us vulnerable to the same situation so we would also put a limit on the resident trucks. We would also eliminate the monthly and yearly option and do just a per day fee.

We decided to look into this new direction over the next month and for everyone to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

Discussion on the next meeting date was to continue having meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month, therefore the next meeting date is June 5th, at 7pm at the Town hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Tripler. Motion was seconded by Sam Leary. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Whiting