

Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1123 of the Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission Held Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, CT
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Present: T. Lentz, Chairman C. Jefferson, ZEO
D. Gross
S. Warren
G. Cook
P. McGuinness
T. Hogarty
J. Gay (non-seated alternate)
A. Martin (non-seated alternate)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lentz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1122 Held August 16, 2016

**Motion by Gross, second by Cook, to approve August 16, 2016 Minutes as written.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Visitors

Robert Drew introduced himself as the new potential member of the Commission. He noted he has lived in Killingworth since 1989. He is a software engineer working in Guilford. Has been a member of the Fire Company for 30 years. Daughter lives in Massachusetts. He likes Killingworth pretty much the way it is. Don't want to see any expansion of anything. Wasn't thrilled about Dunkin Donuts but it seemed to work out okay. Chairman Lentz explained there are things we don't like but if it adheres to the regulations, the Commission has to pass it. Brief discussion about telecommunications towers. Chairman Lentz explained the Commission doesn't have anything to say about the towers. They are regulated by the Connecticut Siting Council. ZEO Jefferson noted the new facilities going on transmission lines or telephone poles are regulated by PURA. Chairman Lentz noted the Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month and it is expected all members will attend, including the alternates. Mr. Drew noted he might have a conflict in November. Lentz noted there will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6:55 PM where the Commission will vote. If someone is here to swear in the new member, it would take effect immediately, otherwise the new member would have to go to the Town Clerk's

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office to be sworn in. If appointed, you would be filling the vacancy of Rob Abrams, alternate, who resigned.

4. Communications and Bills

(1) Planning & Zoning Budget As Of 9/2/16.

(2) Letter from Cathie S. Jefferson to Joy Mullen dated 8/30/16 Re Tag Sales.

5. Old Business - none.

6. Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report

ZEO Jefferson reviewed the following -

- The selectmen's office has been receiving complaints regarding posting of signs advertising weekly tag sales. Letter sent to property owner that no more than 4 tag sales are permitted per year on residential property and that signs are to be placed on the property where the activity occurs.
- Inspection coming up next week at 153 Schnoor Road regarding motor vehicle junk.
- Received complaint on Beechtree Ridge regarding trucks going up and down the road. Neighbor complained in 2009 that Mr. Cassella had trucks parked on his property. Since then all vehicles were moved to his commercial property on Route 81. ZEO Jefferson visited the site in question and found nothing there. The reason for the trucks driving up and down the road is that Mr. Cassella has 3 customers on the road that he services.
- Permit Log for August was distributed.
- A new permit has been taken out to relocate the solar panels at 228 River Road. BeFree has lost their license with the State. They can finish whatever jobs they have but can't take on any more under the program. There were multiple complaints to the Better Business Bureau and from our Building Official.

7. New Business

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Alec Martin noted people are coming up Route 80 and cutting through the gas station at the Routes 81/80 circle instead of driving around the circle. Perhaps the property owner should be calling the police. Chairman Lentz suggested the ZEO notify the State Trooper to keep an eye out for this activity.

8. Report of Officers and Subcommittees

Stephanie Warren noted she made additional flyers regarding the survey at Staples and distributed them (handed out 92) at the Recycling Center. Three people approached her with concerns. One gentleman has lived in Killingworth for 72 years and was concerned about no more traffic lights. A second gentleman said there were ATV's all over the place. He has been in town for 18 years but is moving out because of this. ZEO Jefferson noted this is not a zoning issue, but rather a police matter. A third gentleman had a concern about the taxes going to the school system (80 cents on every dollar) and noted there should be some way for the people who don't have kids not to have to pay the exorbitant tax rate.

Stephanie Warren asked if any other members would volunteer to hand out flyers at the Recycling Center. Geoff Cook and Tom Hogarty volunteered to do so on Saturday, September 17th at 10:00 AM.

Stephanie Warren noted there was nothing to report from Regional Planning as the meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

Chairman Lentz reminded everyone there will be a public hearing on November 1st for the proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Brown

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Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary

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