
Members Absent: J. Burruano and Alternates J. Siegel and V. Rehders

Also Present: Zoning Enforcement Officer R. Cooper and Administrative Clerk C. Branson

Audience: B. Ackerman, J. Maharg, M. Moga, C. Cooke and J. Fried

In the absence of J. Burruano, N. Volkmar will act as Chair for this Meeting.

Call to Order: Acting Chair N. Volkmar Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm.

J. Finch Moved to Amend the Agenda to allow Public Comment to be first on the Agenda.
Seconded by: M. Lee Vote: For: Unanimous

Alternate R. Linkletter was Elevated to Voting Status for this Meeting in the absence of J. Burruano.

Public Comment:

J. Maharg- stated he addressed the BoS last week regarding rising concerns about vehicle noise coming from a property nearby that is being used as a dirt bike trail. He stated he would like the BoS consider creating a Noise Ordinance.

M. Moga- stated he is not trying to make this request about one specific landowner but is requesting the consideration of a Noise Ordinance placed upon recreational based noise. Mr. Moga stated he was required to place his pool filtration equipment away from his neighboring property abutters to lessen the noise impact to neighbors, and feels the same consideration should be applicable to recreational noise making vehicles.

C. Cooke- stated she is in support of all of the statements made previously regarding noise from recreational vehicles, she recalled a few years back having to stay indoors much of a summer when a similar situation was going on near her property.

J. Fried- stated she spoke before the BoS last week requesting action to create a Noise Ordinance and hopes the Commission will support this request. Ms. Fried sent the Commission an email link to the State of CT website where there are a list of sixty cities and Towns that have implemented an Ordinance regarding noise.

Acting Chair N. Volkmar- stated he spoke to the First Selectman about a proposed Noise Ordinance and is willing to work with him on development, however the process to create an Ordinance comes from the recommendation of the Board of Selectman and would then need to be approved at a Town Meeting by the residents of Sherman. The P&Z Commission attempted to create a Regulation regarding noise levels throughout Town, but it was determined there would be no way to determine levels or enforce noises through the Land Use Enforcement Officer. If the Town passes an Ordinance, it would be enforceable through the State Troopers.
B. Ackerman - stated she was encouraged by the people who have come before the Commission with their concern. She has a great respect for the P&Z Commission and the process in which individuals are allowed the opportunity to speak either for or against an issue and thanked the Commission in advance for their consideration.

Old Business: None Received
New Business: None Received
Approval of Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting of January 18, 2018

Commissioner M. Lee Moved to Approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2018 as written.
Seconded by: R. Peburn       Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence:

Board of Selectmen- FY 2018-19 Budget Request

Patricia Bailey - correspondence informing the Commission of possible affects to Sherman and the environment by developing the Cricket Valley Energy Center in Dover Plains. Ms. Bailey is requesting action of the Commission join with nineteen other Towns and write a ban on fracking materials and their waste products.

Zoning Enforcement Officer’s Report: No report was submitted.

FY 2018-19 Planning & Zoning Proposed Budget:

ZEO R. Cooper presented the Commission with anticipated expenses for the Land Use Counsel for the coming fiscal year 2018-19. Administrative Clerk, C. Branson presented the Commission with anticipated expenditures regarding the operational costs for the coming fiscal year. The Commission briefly discussed the anticipated expenditures of both Budgets.

Commissioner P. Voorhees Moved to Approve the Proposed FY 2018-19 P&Z Commission Budget and the Proposed FY 2018-19 Land Use Counsel & Court/ On-going Litigation Budget as presented.
Seconded by: M. Lee       Vote: For: 6, Against: 1 (R. Linkletter)

Committee Reports: None

Chairman Report: None

Regulation Review: No review was scheduled.

Adjournment: Commissioner M. Lee Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Branson
February 8, 2018
APPROVED AS FINAL AT THE MARCH 1, 2018 RMM