

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 8, 2011**

Present: Richard Calkins, Chairman
Greg Mele, Vice Chairman
Paul Summers, Member
Doris Murphy, Member and Inland Wetlands Liaison
Jim Bobinski, Alternate
Donna Greco

Also Present: Martin Connor, AICP, City Planner

Not Present: Greg Perosino
Christine Mele

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Richard Calkins called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m., Torrington City Hall Council Chambers, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. **Attendance/Announcement by Chairman:**

Chairman Calkins announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Commissioners Greg Mele, Paul Summers, Doris Murphy, Jim Bobinski, Donna Greco, and Richard Calkins.

3. **Minutes for Approval:**

a. 5/25/11

MOTION by Mr. Summers to approve the 5/25/11 minutes, seconded by Mr. Mele, motion carried. Ms. Greco and Ms. Murphy abstained from voting.

4. **Old Business:**

None

5. **New Business:**

Mr. Mele attended a meeting on Monday evening, June 6, 2011, "2011 Connecticut Main Street Awards Gala" at the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre. Community projects and private projects are incredible according to Mr. Mele. Commissioner Murphy was at the meeting as well, and she was encouraged by the amount of young people involved in these projects. Mr. Connor noted people came to the meeting from other parts of the State who were not familiar with Torrington, the out of town visitors were very impressed with Torrington, the Warner, and projects going on.

Mr. Calkins noted this is something that evolves overtime. Torrington Development Corporation and UCONN have a grant, and the art has revitalized the downtown and other parts of the country. There will be a panel to complete this study, and Mr. Connor may be on this panel.

Mr. Mele and Mr. Connor noted this was extra special this year, as Torrington was recognized with four awards.

6. **Public Hearings scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 8, 2011, Council Chambers, Room 218, City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT**

Chairman Calkins switched the order of public hearings, holding Special Exception 11-261 first.

- b. Special Exception 11-261
Applicant: Pasqualino Barbieri
Location: 14 Perkins Street
Proposal: Reduce front yard setback for proposed addition, Section 4.19

Chairman Calkins opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and stated serving on the Commission this evening will be Commissioners Jim Bobinski, Doris Murphy, Paul Summers, Donna Greco, Greg Mele and Richard Calkins. Also in attendance is City Planner, Martin Connor

Mr. Mele read the legal notice which was published in the Republican American.

Mr. Barbieri appeared before the Commission and verified the public hearing sign was properly posted. The neighborhood notification receipts have already been turned into the Land Use Office. Mr. Barbieri gave a brief presentation of his proposal for an addition for a hot tub.

Mr. Calkins noted the proposed addition will not encroach any closer to the property line than the current house, 2.8 feet.

Mr. Connor reviewed his memo dated June 1, 2011 to the Commission.

There were no comments from the public. Chairman Calkins declared the public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Mele to APPROVE Special Exception 11-261

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With the following recommendation:

1. Per Edward Fabbri, PE, City Engineer, it is recommended that the two trees that are along the property line be removed, as digging for the foundation will disturb their root system and will likely kill the trees.

MOTION seconded by Mr. Summers, unanimously carried.

- a. Proposal: Zoning Regulations, proposed new Section 5.18, Supplemental Regulations: Seasonal Outdoor Sidewalk Dining, Table of Uses: 7.60
Seasonal Outdoor Sidewalk Dining
Applicant: Torrington Planning and Zoning Commission

At 7:41 p.m. Chairman Calkins opened the public hearing and stated serving on the Commission this evening will be Commissioners Jim Bobinski, Doris Murphy, Paul Summers, Donna Greco, Greg Mele and Richard Calkins. Also present is City Planner Martin Connor.

Mr. Mele read the legal notice which was published in the Republican American.

Mr. Connor read his memo to the Commission. Commission members discussed how it will be the applicant's responsibility to conform with State of Connecticut liquor regulations.

There were no comments from the public. At 7:54 p.m. Chairman Calkins declared the public hearing closed.

MOTION by Mr. Mele to APPROVE Zoning Regulations, proposed new Section 5.18, Supplemental Regulations: Seasonal Outdoor Sidewalk Dining, Table of Uses: 7.60 Seasonal Outdoor Sidewalk Dining.

Applicant: Torrington Planning and Zoning Commission

The Commission finds the proposal to be consistent with the City's Plan of Conservation and Development. The effective date of the amendment shall be the day after publication of the legal notice of decision in the Republican American.

With the following addition to 5.18 General Requirements:

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to conform to all local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding the sale, purchasing and serving of alcoholic beverages.

MOTION seconded by Mr. Summers, unanimously carried.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Mr. Mele to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Summers, motion unanimously carried at 7:55 p.m.

Land Use Office
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