

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Earl J. Kurtz III, Chairman; Sean Strollo, Vice Chairman; Jeff Natale, Secretary;
Members: Robert Brucato, John Kardaras, Gil Linder, Louis Todisco.
Alternates: Robert Anderson, Casey Downes, Tom Selmont
Absent: Matthew Bowman
Staff: William Voelker, Town Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kurtz called the public hearing to order at 7:31 p.m.

Chairman Kurtz read the emergency public service notice.

II. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Following roll call, it was determined that a quorum was present for the public hearing.

Secretary Natale read the call of public hearing for the applications.

Commissioner Downes was the alternate for the public hearing.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

V. BUSINESS

1. Special Permit Application

Caroline Dircks
255 Spruce Street
Cottage Food

PH 3/9/20
MAD 6/13/20

Caroline Dircks, 255 Spruce Street, presented her application for a “cottage food” business to produce jams, jellies, and small baked goods which will be sold at her specialty shop “Olive & Henry” in the Watch Factory Shops (lower level) in Cheshire. The specialty shop opens on March 19th.

A question was asked by Mr. Todisco about exterior modifications to the house at 255 Spruce Street and everything occurring at the store, not inside the house.

Ms. Dircks said she will sell in the store; nothing will be sold out of the house; she will also sell at local farms and markets.

Town Planner Voelker informed the Commission that the application has been reviewed and approved by the Engineering Department. It is possible there could be some alternate things to be discussed with the Health District.

The issue of deliveries and trucks coming to the house, exterior modifications, and nothing being over 60 ounces was raised by Mr. Stollo.

The Commission was assured by Ms. Dircks that food items averaging 8 to 10 ounces will be produced (jams, jellies, small baked goods), and no exterior work will be done at the house. The house will not have signage for the business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Kardaras; seconded by Mr. Brucato

MOVED to adjourn the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk