

Borough of Newtown
Zoning Commission
Newtown, Connecticut

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN ZONING COMMISSION

Minutes from the Special Meeting of May 13, 2020

Special Meeting of the Borough of Newtown Zoning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom.

Commission Members Present: Doug Nelson, David Francis, Claudia Mitchell, Margaret Hull and Doug McDonald.

Commission Members Absent: Brid Craddock.

Staff Present: Maureen Crick Owen, Clerk,

Staff Absent: Rob Sibley, Borough ZEO, and Monte Frank, Attorney for the Borough.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Hull to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Nelson stated that the application submitted by the Town for the Borough Residential Overlay District has been withdrawn. It is expected that the application will be resubmitted at a future date.

Borough ZEO Report: none.

New Business:

1. Enact provisions for temporary outside dining facilities to allow for those food establishments without such facilities to participate in the Governor's new guidance starting May 20: Mr. Nelson said that the Borough has outside dining permitted by approval through the special exception process. Because of COVID-19 and the Governor's orders to allow restaurants to reopen with outside dining only, the Commission would need to suspend the regulation 4.10g. The Governor's order does not override zoning regulations which requires the Commission to suspend 4.10g regulation. Mr. Francis made a motion pursuant to Section 4.01 to suspend zoning regulation 4.10g. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald and passed unanimously. Mr. Nelson stated that the Zoning Enforcement Officer is the approving authority of the permit businesses will need to submit.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 7:25, seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Meeting Room, Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Crick Owen
Clerk