

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting

The Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission held a meeting on October 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT, 06371.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Tiffany Chairman, Ross Byrne, Phyllis Ross, Ann Rich, Hunter Ward, Bill Koch, Bernie Gigliotti ZEO, and Patsy Turner Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Public Act No. 17-155 (effective 10-1-17) regarding temporary health care structures and whether the Town should opt-in or out.**

Gigliotti: The Connecticut Legislator passed Public Act No. 17-155 on October 1, 2017; the act will allow individuals to erect temporary structures to allow special care needs for elderly or infirmed patients, the structure would be for the family member who is currently sickly or for the care giver of the family member. The commission needs to vote to opt-in or opt-out of adopting the Public Act. After this commission makes a decision then the Board of Selectmen will act also. Many towns in our region are choosing to opt-out due to already having pervious in their regulations for accessory apartments, but there are some towns that are opting-in because their need would be more useful. Once the temporary structures are no longer needed the intent is that they are to be removed /deconstructed; the enforcement on the removal may be difficult. The structures would not have a concrete foundation. The commission can review the information on Public Act No. 17-155 and make a decision next month.

The commission members discussed options and pros & cons of temporary structures.

Tiffany: The commission will take the month to think about how to move forward with this new Public Act.

**Old Business**

**Continue discussion of regulation changes in support of farming and review a preliminary outline in preparation for a first draft.**

Gigliotti: The sub-committee has met and made headway on more changes. We will see this again next month.

The commission members discussed the outline for a few minutes.

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**Jere and Faye Richardson, 33 Joshuatown Rd. Tax Map 28 Lot 58; an application for a special permit to construct a boat dock in the upper reaches of inner Hamburg Cove.**

Gigliotti: A little while back the Inland Wetlands Agency approved the eradication of the invasive species and the planting of native grasses. The dock was not installed at that time, the State permit lapsed; the owners will be reapplying for a State permit. The

original dock plan has been modified to be less intrusive to the environment. Docko Inc. will present more information next month.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

A motion was entertained to approve the minutes of the September 2017 Meeting. P. Ross moved the motion and A. Rich seconded the approval; the minutes were passed.

**Adjournment**

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Turner, Secretary