

BRIDGEWATER
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DRAFT Minutes - Public Hearing
January 18, 2024, 6:30 pm
Bridgewater Town Hall, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, CT 06752

Call to Order: Chairperson Alex McNaughton called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call and Designation of Alternates:

Present: Alex McNaughton, Emil Degrazia, Mike Dubos, James Askey (alt), Betsy Perlman (alt)

Absent: Joe Wilcox, Laz Pinter, Dan Mart (alt) **Moved up to voting status:** J. Askey, B. Perlman

Also Present: John Cody (ZEO), Meg Khare (Land Use Coordinator)

Reading of the Legal Notice: M. Khare read the legal notice into the record.

Business of the Public Hearing:

1. Special Permit Application #P 23-11-1 – Van Hemert, 108 Rocky Hill Road, photography studio. Sean Van Hemert read a statement. Mr. Van Hemert corrected the distance between the edge of the pavement and the parking area to be 162.6 feet, not 180 feet. Attorney Gregory Cava questioned the distance as the survey map does not support the stated distance. He also questioned the parking location and screening. Susan Tanamli of 19 Tappen Road spoke about the photography studio being disruptive to the neighborhood and that the business was not suitable on a dead end residential street. Commissioners had questions regarding the septic usage, extent of photo shots and whether indoor or outdoors, and property ownership.

Correspondence: none

Adjournment: E. Degrazia made a motion to close the public hearing. M. Dubos seconded. Unanimous approval. Public hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Khare

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Land Use Coordinator