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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2009

PRESENT: Michael Rudolph, Subcommittee Chairman, Doug Bayer, Marilyn Gould, Bas Nabulsi and Town Planner Robert Nerney

ALSO Atty. Clarissa Cannavino
PRESENT:

Committee Chairman Michael Rudolph convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Discussion ensued concerning a proposal to regulate the location of package stores. Mr. Nerney provided the committee with an update of events noting that the issue to allow package stores would ultimately be decided by ballot on November 3, 2009. Mr. Nerney explained that, in addition to a town ordinance, many communities maintain companion legislation regulating the location of such businesses by way of conventional zoning regulations.

Mr. Nerney stated that the proposed regulations, as drafted, would permit package stores by special permit in the Design Retail Business "DRB", General Business "GB" and Wilton Center "WC" zoning districts. Mr. Nerney further explained that spatial separation standards have been established requiring a separation of distance of 1,000 feet from any religious facility and 1,000 feet from any public or private school. The committee requested that the separation provisions be measured from the property line of any school or church to a package store. It was recommended the distance be reduced to 500 feet. It was also recommended the terminology "religious facility" be changed to "place of worship".

Mr. Nabulsi suggested outdoor ice dispensing and recycling operations be conducted within the building interior as opposed to outside the building. Mr. Rudolph requested the word "exclusively" be added to the definition of "package store".

Subcommittee Chairman Rudolph thanked the committee and adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.