

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Town Hall

174 Main Street

Deep River, Connecticut 06417

A **public hearing** of the *Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission* held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:20 p.m by Chairman Jonathan Kastner. Members present: Janet Edgerton, Nancy Fischbach, Tom Griffin, Jonathan Kastner, Jane Samuels, Tom Walsh. Absent: Leigh Balducci, Alternate John Attridge. Also present: Cathie Jefferson (Zoning Enforcement Officer), Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary), Russell Marth, Bruce Edgerton.

Secretary Edgerton read the call of the meeting for the continuation of the public hearing.

PURPOSE: Continuation of public hearing to accept evidence for or against, written or oral, approval of Application for Special Permit, Application #59, by Mark Kehlenbach for the purpose of allowing warehouse sales to the public on Saturdays only from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 455 Main Street (Map 65, Lot 3).

The public hearing had been opened in January and immediately continued; no evidence was heard.

The applicant was not present. ZEO Cathie Jefferson reviewed the application. A memo dated 1/21/10 from the ZEO contained information on parking calculations. An e-mail dated February 3, 2010 was received from the applicant. The applicant is doing business as MEK Furniture. The applicant indicates that MEK Furniture is a furniture wholesaler and is looking to liquidate discontinued items and customer cancellations through a warehouse sale on Saturday's only for a four hour period. The intent is to have one employee and he does not expect a lot of people. The ZEO noted that when she reviewed the parking spaces for the proposed use, the maximum number of spaces would be eight and there are more parking spaces than that. The only other business in the complex that may be operating on Saturday may be Flip Flop Gymnastics, but the parking is on the other side of the building. MEK is on the front side of the building. The applicant specifies 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the e-mail from the applicant says that it would be open for four hours. The Commission reviewed the plans submitted with the application. Signs have not been included on the application. The applicant specified in the e-mail that they would not be promoting the sale very aggressively. Members noted that there is a sign post for the Commerce Crossing complex which may be used for a sign.

A motion was made by Nancy Fischbach and seconded by Jane Samuels to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Howard
Recording Secretary