

# TOWN OF ESSEX ZONING COMMISSION

29 WEST AVENUE – ESSEX, CT 06426

MEETING MINUTES – February 11, 2019

## SPECIAL MEETING

Present: Larry Shipman, Chairman  
Russ Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Bill Reichenbach, Secretary  
Jim Hill, Regular Member  
Tom Carroll, Alternate Member

Absent: Mark Reeves, Regular Member  
Jeff Lovelace, Alternate Member  
Robert Day, Alternate Member

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Also Present: Joe Budrow, Zoning Enforcement Official

**CALL TO ORDER:** Larry Shipman, Chairman called the special meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Seated for the meeting were Regular Members Larry Shipman, Russ Smith, Bill Reichenbach, Jim Hill; and Tom Carroll, Alternate Member.

**Application 19-3 – Colt Taylor** – An application for a Special Exception to locate a culinary school into commercial space above an existing restaurant at 30 Main Street in Centerbrook.

Mr. Carroll was seated for Mr. Reeves for this application.

Mr. Taylor was not present at the start of the meeting. Mr. Budrow described the application proposal as a culinary school with a 1-year certification program for students. There is an idea to add three to four dormitory rooms on the second floor but the Building, Fire and Health Codes would regulate them.

Mr. Taylor arrived at 7:07. He described the culinary school idea and mentioned that the requirements of the building code and expenses will determine when dormitories would come. He wants to get the school up and running first. He mentioned that there would be AM and PM classes with up to 15 students in each one. Each class runs six months. Some would work in the restaurant. He mentioned he would be the culinary school dean. He described the state of culinary education in Connecticut and sees a need for this idea. He mentioned a test program related to Uber and bus pickups.

The Commission asked a few general questions of the applicant.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Shipman to receive and schedule for the February 25 meeting. Mr. Reichenbach seconded the motion. All in favor, **Motion carried, 5-0.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Hill to adjourn. Mr. Reichenbach seconded the motion.

Joseph Budrow,  
Certified Zoning Enforcement Official