

**TOWN OF HOLLIS
PLANNING BOARD
34 Town Farm Road
Hollis ME 04042**

Minutes of Public Hearing 11 June 2014

RE: Conditional Use Permit, 81 Lower Tarbox Road

Call to Order: The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:03 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at the Hollis Community Building by David Goodwin, Chairman.

Present: David Goodwin, Chris Roy, Faith Plummer, Victor Kirmes, Rita Perron, CEO Peter Gordon.

Public Comments:

After a brief introduction and review by Mr. Goodwin, comments were received from several Hollis residents expressing various concerns.

Susan Schaffer offered concerns regarding the residential nature of the area, with lots of young children living nearby. She mentioned traffic increases and noise levels, as well. She stated she does not believe this is a good location for such an event center. She also asked if there are any restrictions on anyone's deeds that might restrict what one could do on these lots.

Al Medeiros asked why a commercial use would be allowed in a residential zone, and asked if this involves a zoning change. He is also concerned about the empty parking lot becoming a local hangout, especially at night.

Phyllis Medeiros expressed concerns regarding alcohol and food consumption on the premises, and asked who would clean up after each event. Trash is only collected in this area on Wednesdays, so what would become of the trash in the mean time?

Heather Boyce voiced concerns regarding noise and traffic flow. She noted that cars would be turning around in driveways where there are lots of children playing.

Dana Gray asked if it is legal to hold a public hearing before the Planning Board has voted on whether this specific use is even allowed in this zone. He also noted that the owners of the property would have to provide a dumpster and arrange for trash collection, that it would not be up to the town to collect their trash.

Dave McCubrey stated that although a new business is good for the town, this particular enterprise might have a negative impact. He suggested that if the Board approves this request, lots of heavy conditions would need to be attached.

Paul Steeves asked what activities are allowed at the Sports Complex. He suggested that no alcohol consumption would be permitted there.

Gary Babineau stated that he lives directly across the street, so he would be very much affected by these activities. He stated that he believes the debate has gone on long enough, and asked the Planning Board to vote tonight.

Mr. Goodwin presented an email letter received today from David Stuart, a neighbor who was unable to attend this hearing in person. A copy of this letter will be placed on file with all communications received regarding this permit request.

Adjourn: The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by Martha Turner, Secretary
Approved by Planning Board 7-9-14