
Zoning Board

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To Land Use <landuse@salisburyct.us>

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

I am writing to follow up on my request for an exception to the Special Permit requirement for parking associated with my application.

I want to clarify from my recent Zoom meeting attendance. I felt my questions and statements were misinterpreted as that I felt singled out or that I believed my application would not be approved. My concerns are specifically with the necessity and purpose of requiring a Special Permit for parking in this particular situation.

The proposed use is a very small location consisting of a single treatment room, with only one client at a time. I am therefore having difficulty understanding the practical need for a Special Permit and the associated \$360 fee when the anticipated parking demand is so minimal. Unless there is a designated spot given right in front of my location, I fail to understand why I would need a special permit to use the ample public parking. I do understand the example you gave of an entire building changing the scope of what it would offer to include an apartment above, which makes sense as the impact to parking is directly affected.

I also believe it is important to consider how this requirement is being applied relative to other businesses in the same commercial area. My application "triggered" the Special Permit requirement because the use involves the Torrington Health Department. However, the Town's zoning regulations establish parking requirements for retail use based on square footage. If those requirements are applied strictly and consistently, wouldn't every retail business on Main Street require a Special Permit?

I believe there is a reasonable distinction between a use that generates significant, ongoing parking demand and a small appointment-based business with limited staff (2 max), where one client arrives and remains on the premises for a limited period of time. In this case, the actual impact on parking should be the primary consideration.

For those reasons, I respectfully request that the Zoning Board grant an exception to the Special Permit requirement for parking associated with my application with the Torrington Health Department.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Sarah March-

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