

From: [Kristen Domurad-Guichard](#)
To: [Kim Gorman](#)
Subject: FW: Zoning Bylaw - outdoor sale events/farmers" markets
Date: Monday, July 23, 2012 5:05:10 PM

Hi Kim,

Could you please add the emails below to the next Planning Board packet?

Thank you!

-Kristen

From: Frank Widmayer
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 2:09 PM
To: Kristen Domurad-Guichard
Cc: Manager Department
Subject: RE: Zoning Bylaw - outdoor sale events/farmers' markets

Kristen,

Let me start by saying that I am not in favor of such a bylaw. We are already inundated with permit requests and this would probably double or triple the workload. Of course by including flea markets not only would there be a large number of them but people would expect approval at the last minute on an emergency basis. Also, would the Board of Selectmen be part of the process as with other permits?

Then there is the enforcement aspect that I assume would fall on police or maybe you would have someone assigned to that, as it is another resource drain.

I assume there is some reason that you are thinking of such a bylaw but I am not aware of it. I could support a restriction on multiple events on a weekly basis in the same location but other than that I do not see the need for a bylaw.

I'm also not sure what we would add to the process because it does not seem likely that a Criminal Offender Record Check would be necessary for such events. I also see a huge burden if you are expecting such actions as record checks of all vendors at the Farmer's Markets for example.

So basically I have a lot of issues with this and would need to know more about the reasons for it before I could support it.

Regards,
Frank

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From: Kristen Domurad-Guichard
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Frank Widmayer
Subject: Zoning Bylaw - outdoor sale events/farmers' markets

Hi Frank,

We are drafting a new zoning bylaw to allow and regulate outdoor sale events (flea markets, festivals and/or fairs) as well as farmers markets. We had planned on including a requirement that the property owner notify and obtain written notice from the Acton Police Department to proceed with the event.

Are there any specifics you would recommend including? Also, how far in advance would you want notification from the property owner prior to the start of the event?

Thank you so much for your help.

-Kristen

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