

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, December 12, 2013 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Kastner. Members present: Leigh Balducci, David Basilone, Janet Edgerton, Jonathan Kastner, Jane Samuels, and Alternates William Burdick and Sara Denegre. Absent: Tom Walsh, Ben Whalen, and Alternate Bruce Edgerton. Also present: Cathie Jefferson (Zoning Enforcement Officer), Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary), Jerilyn Nucci, Donald Carlson. The Chairman seated Alternates Sara Denegre and William Burdick for the absent members.

Secretary Edgerton read the call of the meeting published in The Hartford Courant on November 29 and December 6, 2013.

**PURPOSE:** To accept evidence for or against, written or oral, approval of Application #87, Application for Special Permit by Jerilyn C. Nucci for the purpose of operation of a dog day care facility on property of George G. Bartlett, Jr. at 444 Main Street, Deep River (Map 59, Lot 9).

**Presentation by Applicant:**

Jerilyn Nucci of Scenic View Drive noted that she would like to open a dog day care and canine center occupying 1,500 square feet of space at 444 Main Street. The proposal will also include socializing, grooming, and obedience classes in the evening. She indicated there would be no more than 28 dogs. She will make arrangements with a waste disposal company which would empty the dumpster on a weekly basis. She indicated that she would keep the property clean. An area would be delegated for small and senior dogs. Inside fencing would be portable. She indicated that a 20' x 30' fenced area with pea stone would be located at the back of the property. The outdoor fencing would not be permanent. The pea stone will be friendly under foot and easier to clean. The business will be primarily inside the building. The outside fenced area will not be available when first opened. Ms. Nucci noted that it will not be a caged facility; only portable fencing for evaluating and interaction. The business will be known as Hairy Barkers. She would meet with clients with her control dog to see if the dogs are suitable for Hairy Barkers. There will be one staff member at the start. One person is required for every 15 dogs. The parking is located in the back of the property. An area by the door will be allocated as a five minute drop off and pick up location. Ms. Nucci noted that Camtech in the back of the building sometimes has people working until 8:00 p.m. There will be adequate parking in the back for evening classes. The classes would consist of 10 to 12 dogs in a class. Ms. Nucci discussed the possibility of extending hours in the future if a class goes until 8:00 p.m. Ms. Nucci amended the application to extend the hours of operation from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Classes may be held on Saturday.

A motion was made by Leigh Balducci and seconded by Janet Edgerton to close the public hearing on Application #87 at 7:25 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Howard  
Recording Secretary