

**TOWN OF SOMERSET
PLANNING BOARD HEARING/MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

PRESENT:	Chairman:	Norm Jansen
	Board:	Krista Atwater
		Chris Czelusta
		Charlie Neal
		Robert Wendler
	Attorney:	David Haylett
	Applicant:	Scott Donovan
	Neighbor:	Timothy Smaczniak

PUBLIC HEARING

Owner/Applicant – Scott Donovan/Donovan Orchards, LLC

Location of Property – 8503 Lower Lake Road

Application to amend the existing Special Use Permit to allow signage at the property consisting of two building mounted signs (73.5" x 58" and 30.5" x 14") and one post mounted sign (40" x 78") located off the right-of-way.

The hearing opened at 7:31pm with S. Donovan sharing specifics about the change of signage as follows:

- Placement of the roadside sign will start with the current post and go north
- A small emblem will be under the building mounted sign
- The signs will have a new logo and the name "Donovan Orchards Estate Ciders"
- Low lit, dusk to dawn barn lights will be used; the roadside sign may have solar lighting which will be inside landscaping

There was a letter received dated 10-30-23 from Dale M. and Kathy A. Howard supporting the amendment.

With no further discussion, the hearing was closed at 7:43pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by K. Atwater, seconded by C. Neal to approve the Minutes from September 7, 2023, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Atwater, Czelusta, Jansen, Neal, Wendler
	Nays	0	

Resolution: The Minutes from September 7, 2023 were accepted as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Decision regarding signage amendment for S. Donovan of Donovan Orchards, LLC

On a motion by K. Atwater, seconded by R. Wendler to approve change in signage with conditions the same as specified in the original Special Use Permit from April 2, 2015

The following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Atwater, Czelusta, Jansen, Neal, Wendler
 Nays 0

Resolution: The conditions of the original Special Use Permit will remain in effect with amended sign dimensions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, C. Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm, seconded by C. Czelusta. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lewis
Planning Board Secretary