

Town of Simsbury

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Office of Planning and Community Development

To: Simsbury Zoning Commission

From: Brittany MacGilpin, Assistant Town Planner

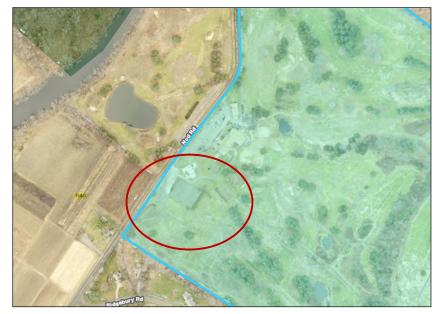
Date: May 6, 2024

RE: ZC 24-14, 140 Nod Road Site Plan Amendment

Summary of Request

Application ZC #24-14 of Simsbury Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Owner, and Applicant, for a site plan amendment for construction of an approximately 480 s.f. building and an associated pavilion at Tower Ridge Disc Golf and Talcott Mountain Collective, 140 Nod Road (Assessor's Map G18 Block 110 Lot 033), zone R-80.

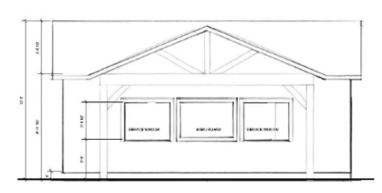
The property is approximately 119 acres. The proposed building will be a permanent site for the ice cream shop that has been operating from the



property seasonally for the past two years. The adjacent pavilion will be used for seating. Both the building and the pavilion sit within the footprint of the previous, approximately 3,700 s.f. building, that was utilized by Tower Ridge Country Club and housed bathrooms, locker rooms, a tennis pro shop, a grill as well as an ice cream shop. The picture of the pavilion is below on the left and the proposed ice cream shop structure is on the right.

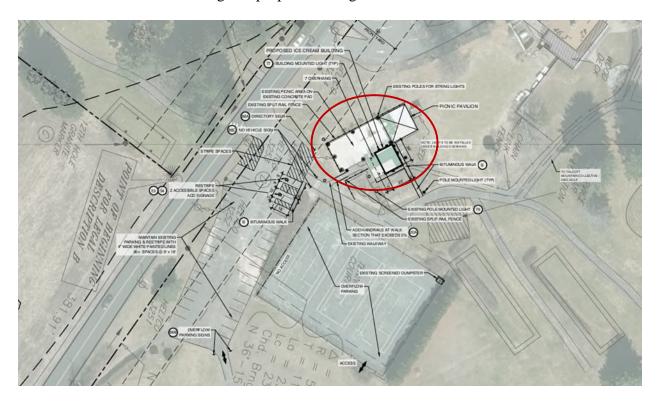


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As discussed in the application, the building will be open seasonally with hours typically from noon to 9 pm. One new walkway is being proposed for easier access to the parking area. Parking will be striped with the necessary accessible parking and signage. Below is the site plan that was submitted with existing and proposed changes.



Staff Analysis

Tower Ridge Country Club was sold in 2005 to the current owner. Once the country club closed in 2018, the property was revitalized and the existing golf course and amenities were utilized to create the Tower Ridge Disc Golf course and Talcott Mountain Collective, which also houses Healing Meals Community Project. A golf club and its associated uses is permitted in a residential zone, which allows the current, similar use of the property to continue. Furthermore, it was shown by the applicant that an ice cream shop previously operated out of the space during the time that the golf club was there and therefore, is permitted as accessory to the current disc golf course.

This application was referred to Town departments for review including Zoning, Police, Fire, WPCA, FVHD, Building, and Engineering. These comments and the applicant's responses are attached to this staff report. Zoning staff requested further information regarding lighting and dumpster location, which have been addressed by the applicant. Signage was also submitted as part of the application but has since been removed so that it can meet zoning requirements for size of signage in a residential zone. Once a proposed sign plan is submitted, it will go to the Design Review Board for comment.

Also, the site plan portion of the application was referred to the Design Review Board and any comments received by them at their May 20 regular meeting will be presented to the Zoning Commission.

Site Plan Criteria

Staff finds that the specific considerations for site plan applications, as found in Section 11 of the Town of Simsbury Zoning Regulations, have been met.

Draft Motion

MOVED, the Town of Simsbury Zoning Commission APPROVES Application ZC #24-14 of Simsbury Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Owner, and Applicant, for a site plan amendment for construction of an approximately 480 s.f. building and an associated pavilion at Tower Ridge Disc Golf and Talcott Mountain Collective, 140 Nod Road (Assessor's Map G18 Block 110 Lot 033), zone R-80.

The Commission finds that the application for a site plan has met the standards set in Section 3.4 and the Site Plan criteria in Section 11, and is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The project shall be developed in substantial conformance with the submitted site plan titled "Site Plan Modification Application, Two Sisters Ice Cream at Talcott Mountain", prepared by LADA, P.C., date 4/30/24 revised 5/7/24.
- 2. Signage is not included with the application. Any signage proposed for the site will require additional review and approvals.

Or Moved, (An alternative Motion)

From: Boulter, Nicholas <NBoulter@pd.simsbury-ct.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:35 AM

To: Macgilpin Brittany

Subject: Re: 140 Nod Updated Plans

No public safety concerns.

Chief Nicholas J. Boulter Simsbury, CT Police Department 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 (860) 658-3101 NA 263

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:13:21 AM

To: Boulter, Nicholas <NBoulter@pd.simsbury-ct.gov>

Subject: FW: 140 Nod Updated Plans

Hi Chief- George sent a previous email but I didn't see a response from you. Can you review the attached plans for 140 Nod Road and forward any PD comments you may have? It will be going to ZC on 5/20.

Thanks, Brittany

Brittany MacGilpin Assistant Town Planner Town of Simsbury 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 P(860) 658 3240 F(860) 658 3217 bmacgilpin@simsbury-ct.gov



From: LADA, P.C. < ladapc@snet.net> Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:13 PM

To: Macgilpin Brittany

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Cc: 'Kevin Casey' <kc@patusangroup.com>; 'John Casey' <jtcasey32@gmail.com>; 'Bret Bowin'

 'Sret@ur-form.com>

Subject: RE: 140 Nod Updated Plans

From: Hollis Joseph

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:27 PM

To: McGregor George

Subject: RE: Two Sisters Ice Cream at 140 Nod Road

George,

Please see my comments on the site plan application:

1.) Provisions for Trash Disposal

No dumpsters shown on plan. Applicant should provide a waste removal plan whether that be utilizing existing dumpsters on site or proposing a new enclosure closer to the ice cream building.

2.) Lighting

Plans call for the reuse of 4 existing light poles, 3 new pole fixtures, and 5 building mounted lights. All lights should be only be on during hours and off during the off season to reduce impact to surrounding areas.

3.) Landscaping Requirements

No landscaping changes proposed.

4.) Parking

Existing bituminous lot to be restriped showing 36 spaces at 9' x 18' and 2 handicap accessible spaces. Parking is adequate for the site as a whole.

5.) Storm Water

No change in impervious coverage on site.

6.) Signage

The two ice cream displays are considered wall signs under the zoning regulations and need sign area details shown on the plan to determine compliance. The building frontage facing Nod Road (20') and the frontage facing the bituminous parking lot (24') are used in the total sign area calculation. The limit on the total wall sign area for the Nod Road elevation is 13.2SF meaning each ice cream sign cannot exceed 6.6SF. Design Review Board should review the signage and building elevations.

Joseph Hollis, AZT Code Compliance Officer Town of Simsbury 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 P(860) 658 3228 jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov



From: McGregor George

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From: Miga Henry

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:47 PM

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George,

The site plan details provided appear to meet State Building Code requirements to the extent that they are shown with minor exceptions that can be addressed prior to permitting the structure and handrails on the walk. It should be noted that there are three outstanding permits that have not been issued for structures that were constructed on the site pending site plan and zoning approval. Only one was constructed after an application was filed. The Building Department did several site visits to assure life safety concerns were met in that the facility was operating and in continuous use. It would seem prudent at this point to include all site improvements on a finalized site plan so we can issue and close all outstanding permit applications.

Henry Miga Building Official

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Any questions, please let me know.

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From: LADA, P.C. < <u>ladapc@snet.net</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:37 PM

To: McGregor George <gmcgregor@simsbury-ct.gov>; Macgilpin Brittany <bmccgilpin@simsbury-ct.gov>

From: McGregor George

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:23 PM **To:** Macgilpin Brittany; ladapc@snet.net

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FVHD is reviewing septic system information and will need additional info. Food preparation plans need review as well. Review completion TBD.

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No comments from Engineering.

Adam D. Kessler, P.E. Town of Simsbury

From: Patrick T. Tourville, CFI I <PTourville@simsburyfd.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:40 PM

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No issues from Fire Marshal Office.

Patrick Tourville CFI-I Fire Marshal Simsbury Fire District 871 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 Office 860.658.1973 Cell 860.818.0479

From: Piazza Anthony <apiazza@simsbury-ct.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 8:13:46 AM

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This is outside of the sewer service area. No comments from WPCA

Anthony Piazza Superintendent Simsbury WPCA 860-658-3258

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