

Trailer owners draw a response

Editor of The Register Citizen:

I must respond to the Oct. 9 letter from Messrs. Marchetti, Curtiss and Shoplack. First, they complain that they removed their trailer from Shore Drive in Winsted after threats of fines and legal action. The legal action, initiated by them, concluded with the Aug. 13 decision from the Superior Court. Their complaint was dismissed by the court, which ruled in favor of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the order to remove the trailer.

Second, they appear to suggest that they have been denied a privilege which is enjoyed by other property owners: the right to have buildings and structures and do anything at all with property. This is simply not correct. The Planning and Zoning regulations apply to all property. The gentlemen are welcome to comply with the requirements of the regulations relating to lot size, setback requirements and permitted uses in order to have buildings and structures on their property.

Third, the gentlemen are mistaken in their interpretation that the court did not rule on the presence of the camper. The court ruling upholds the ZBA decision which ordered the removal of the camper because its placement and intended use did not comply with zoning regulations. This ruling is tantamount to the court directing the trailer to be removed.

Finally, the gentlemen are correct that the Planning and Zoning Commission is obligated to assure that the regulations are enforced in a non-discriminatory manner throughout the town. I understand that the commission is proceeding with enforcement in other instances of non-compliance with the camper regulations. The gentlemen, and others, are encouraged to report suspected violations of the regulations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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