

Newfield Town Planning Board Meeting Minutes- May 4, 2016

The Meeting of the Newfield Town Planning Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room May 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Karen Trask at 7:00pm.

Present were: Karen Trask, Tom Gerow, Leo Tidd, Diana Bryant and Bob Mazourek. Also present: George Frantz, and 3 attendees

Privilege of the floor

M.Kerr- danger in group think, where you see what you see. Concerned about cost of the land uses discussed, nervous about government and distrustful. "Looks like decision has already been decided", wants a bigger picture, individuals feel that this is being "ramrodded" down their throats. "Two strikes against you"

Eric & Celeste Shearer- you need to pay attention to the skeptics or you will get what they are in Dryden. Look at what Burdett tried to do with restriction of animals

New Business

Chairman Karen Trask reported on Town Board meeting. Moratorium on windfarms for 90days was voted on and passed with a 3-2 vote. Park Outdoor Advertising would like to take down current billboard at old gas station site on route 13 and put up across the street on Carmen Guidi's property. Current town law prohibits all billboards. Planning Board Member Tom Gerow will look through Comprehensive plan in regards to the mention of billboards.

Chairman Karen Trask met with Kris West of the Fingerlakes Land Trust. They will be offering a session on Monday May 16, 2016 from 6-8pm, will count as 2 hours of yearly training.

Old Business

Reviewed the outcome of the April 23rd Community Forums: Chairman Karen Trask presented an overview of the forum. (See attached) It was sell attended, with great discussions, at times it was very "lively".

Next Steps- Create a community survey regarding land use- last survey was 6 years ago. These should be updated every 3-5 years. Create survey that can be done online as well as handwritten. Work with library to have guidance on how to fill out online for those using community computers. Need cost of mailings with return postage, survey questions, how many questions.

Grant of \$1500 received from SAR- a part of the Tompkins Community Grant foundation- on behalf of Marie Terrlizzi.

Consultant George Frantz discussed his final draft report based on the community input. Will have this to us by our May 18th meeting.

At 8:40 p.m., a motion was made by Bob Mazourek to move adjournment, seconded by Tom Gerow.

Overview of April 23, 2016 Community Forum #2

Session #1 at 10am- approximately 35 attendees

Session #2 at 1pm – approximately 25 attendees

Follow survey was emailed to 22 (those who gave email addresses) and we had 5 responses.

Survey Question	Do Nothing	Site Plan Review	Subdivision	Zoning	Yes	No
Did the forum meet expectations?					5	
Were all your questions answered?					4	1
What direction do you feel the Town should head?	2	5				
Do you feel this was informative?					5	

Additional Comments:

1. Brilliant
2. I think site plan review would be just as effective as zoning and more flexible.
3. Thank you. Very informative.
4. Thank you, I am a new resident and appreciate the forum.
5. We do not want to see a Guthrie Clinic office- prefer Arnot Ogden or CMC.
6. I think some planning & some boundaries are better than doing nothing.
7. Thank you for using our tax dollars for this worthwhile education.

8. Moved to Newfield 4 years ago and one of the reasons was lack of government control.
9. Thanks, very informative. Annoying to hear one guy always interjecting his opinion.
10. Thanks for this opportunity to listen & discuss these important issues.
11. More discussions would be helpful, including more real life examples.
12. George F & Karen T- Nicely done. Might help to address, "how can we live together and what do we want"

A short list of questions that were asked:

1. Does the state have requirements for state roads regarding site plan review?
2. Who does the site plan review?
3. What sets these people apart to claim judgement?
4. Is site plan review a public process? Want more discussion and public input.
5. Does the public help decide the zoning laws? Site plan review laws?
6. Costs associated with setting up land uses and managing these?
7. Do not want uneducated appointees to make decisions for their land use.
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