



## **Town of Newfield Planning Board**

Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 2019

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Town of Newfield Planning Board in the Town Hall Meeting Room by Chairman Leo Tidd.

### **Present**

Planning Board: Chairman Leo Tidd, Vice Chairman Jacob Marnell, Jim Haustein, Randy Brown, Secretary Missy Hein. Not present: Bob Mazourek.

Privilege of the Floor:

Several community members spoke regarding concerns with the proposed animal noise laws. Several community members were under the impression that these laws were a Planning Board-initiated activity. During the ensuing productive discussion, the Planning Board made it clear that the impetus for the Planning Board drafting these laws came from a Town Board had requested for assistance in writing such due to recurring problems in the Town.

Additional discussion circled around the difficult balance in the right to have animals, what constitutes “too many animals” and the rights of neighbors impacted.

### **Approval of Minutes**

June 5, 2019 Minutes MOVED to ACCEPT.

### **Open Issues**

#### *Second Wind Cottages SPR*

A Site Plan Review Application for a Common Building had previously been submitted by Second Wind Cottages. The Planning Board voted to approve the Second Wind Community Building Site Plan Review and SEQRA negative declaration. Leo will compose and send the final approval memo to the applicant.

#### *Site Plan Review Application / Newfield Town Website Updates*

Mike Allinger posted the revised Site Plan Review (SPR) application (with fee language) and environmentally sensitive areas map on the Town website. The SPR Law will be incorporated on the town laws page as part of a future, more comprehensive update of that part of the website.



### *Hamlet Plan*

The Planning Board obtained the requested TG Miller survey CAD files. These will be useful in concept planning. TG Miller provided two CAD files; the Planning Board may put together a future request for a quote from them to see what it would take to combine those surveys together and slightly extend the coverage area.

Jacob Marnell presented the latest working draft hamlet core layout plans- multiple versions of intersection and/or roundabout configurations.

Jacob Marnell presented an AARP visualization resource with good before/after imagery of various revitalization measures that could be used in outreach materials --

<https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/livable-documents/documents-2015/Imagining-Livability-Design-Collection-40p-72815.pdf>.

The section on smaller-town streets is of most interest.

### *Grant Money*

Randy Brown provided a short presentation on the New York Main Street Program and suggested pursuing a technical assistance grant to help up set up priorities for future grants and to provide general assistance with writing those grants. Though the Planning Board will not be able to submit a grant in time for the July 26 deadline, information on what grant opportunities are available is of most value.

### *Subdivision Law*

The Planning Board discussed the results of Jim Haustein's research on subdivision laws. (ACTION ITEM: Jim Haustein will begin working on additional research and a first-draft subdivision law using Milford as a guide). The Town Board will be provided preliminary information via a memo or presentation on the pros and cons of considering subdivision review.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

- Review of any new Site Plans received.
- Obtaining grant money.
- Status of Hamlet Plan.
- Status of Subdivision Review Law.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Leo Tidd. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in Town Hall Meeting Room.

Submitted by Jim Haustein for  
Missy Hein, Newfield Town Planning Board Secretary