

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Notes

November 1, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Newfield Town Hall

In attendance:

Planning Board: Tom Gerow, Acting Chair; Leo Tidd, Bob Mazourek

Town Board: Christine Laughlin, Jeff Hart, Mike Allinger and Karen Kennerson

At Large: Missy Hines

Tom Gerow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

- 1) We started with a discussion of the nuisance law and where the PB was at this time in developing one.
 - a. Randy Brown had put together two draft animal nuisance laws to review.
 - b. There were elements of both that were appealing. The brevity of draft 1 and the paragraphs dealing with Noise (Section 106); Odors (107 and 203).
 - c. It was felt that we don't need laws regarding the handling and care of animals as there are adequate laws and organizations that deal with that currently (SPCA, etc).
 - d. It was said that we cannot treat animals outside an ag district differently than in an ag district.
 - e. Bill Chernish could not attend to discuss the development of a law since it would be a conflict of interest. We can, however, pose questions to him to answer.
 - f. Bill Chernish did suggest we give the "Dog Law" more teeth.
- 2) The George Franz contract does not need to be approved by TB since it falls within the PBs budget. So final contracts fall within the purview of the PB.
- 3) **LOOKING FORWARD ACTION ITEM:** The TB hoped we could have one "nuisance" law to cover all the different issues that are currently an issue in the town (animals, light, noise, junk) and leave language flexible to deal with future nuisances that we are not fully aware of at this time (drones for example). This would prevent the Town from having to deal with a separate law for each "nuisance".
- 4) **ACTION ITEM:** Jeff Hart will direct Tom Smith to pull "some stuff together to help".

We did not schedule another joint meeting due to holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

NOTE: Tom Gerow will not be available for the November 15th PB meeting.