

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2012

In Attendance:

- Planning Board: Randy Brown (Chair), Nancy Dolge, Gene Yaples, Gary Goff
- Other: Carol Mallision – Senior Services contributor
- Barbara Tefft, Secretary

Agenda Items:

Summary of Agenda Items for December 5, 2012 meeting:

Review and submit comments on all Services Chapters for final draft vote:

- Municipal Services
- Communication
- Human Services
 - Recreation
 - Senior Services
 - Childcare
 - Education
 - Library
- Transportation
- Health and Safety
- Energy

Economic Development Chapters due January 1, 2013

- Housing
- Agriculture
- Business
- Hamlet
- Industry

Randy:

- Report on progress on **Business** and **Hamlet** chapters
- Report on discussion with Town Board about the concept of the **Old Home Days Committee** being made an official committee of the Town rather than the existing group of private individual organizers.

New Business – carried from September 19, 2012 meeting

Discussion: Proposal by Gary Goff to invite Kris West, Senior Field Representative Finger Lakes Land Trust Southern Tier Office to meet with the Newfield Planning Discussion: regarding if and when to invite her to speak.

Meeting called to order, 7:10 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes - Submitted by Barbara Tefft:

Newfield Planning Board approved Minutes of November 28, 2012, with minor changes.

Update on: Childcare

Randy said Sylvia Allinger will work on the Childcare chapter. Sylvia will meet with Randy next week.

Update on: Senior Services

Barbara Tefft received communication from Carol Mallison regarding Carol's progress on this chapter. Carol is working on getting descriptions of existing Tompkins County Senior Services to put into a table as was suggested by the Board at the previous meeting. Carol hoped to have a draft to submit for the December 5 deadline.

Update on: Industry

Marie Terlizzi has completed a draft and will meet with Nancy at the end of this week.

Update on: Energy

Scott Smith's draft was edited by Nancy and Eva. Randy gave comments to Nancy on hardcopy.

Update on: Health and Safety

Tony received a detailed outline from Ray Wheaton on Health and Safety that also includes much information relating to Senior Services. Goals and Objectives need to be identified and an Introduction and a Vision need to be written. Randy will scan and get comments to Chris about formatting. Comments are due by the December 5th meeting. Tony will contact Ray regarding Ray's completion of a draft written in the sentence format in which the final document will be presented.

Update on: Communications

David Leistekow's draft was edited and formatted by Nancy with input from Chris. Randy had edits for Nancy to incorporate. Randy commented that communication implications for Health Care needs to be incorporated in the Communications chapter and address such topics as the need for high-speed Internet service for medical care, such as access to Internet Medical Clinics and post-surgical home monitoring.

Update on: Transportation

Gary incorporated Randy and Nancy's comments in his latest draft. He submitted hardcopy to the Planning Board and will also email it to all Board members. Final comments are due December 5, 2012 o Gary.

Update on: Recreation

Dustin James is finished with this section.

Update on: Business

Chris and Eva are working on this Chapter. Chris is currently out of town.

Discussion: Agriculture

Gene Yaples reported on the Agriculture Chapter at the last meeting and stated that he hadn't written any more as of yet because he wasn't sure where the Board wanted to go with it. He has written the history of Newfield Agriculture and covered modern-day farming, including organic farming and the Newfield communities' desire to preserve natural resources. He feels that organic farming is not always necessarily better considering the source and contents of certain organic fertilizers such as municipal sewer waste legally sold as organic but contains heavy metals. Corporate farming does not currently exist in Newfield, nor will it likely exist here in the future due to topography. Farms are small and the landscape does not lend itself to large-scale operations. Extensive discussion about the myriad issues affecting farming such as size for profitability, types of farms, markets, and diversification necessary to support small-scale agricultural ventures such as gas drilling, windmill electric generation, etc.

Other Business:

- Gary located two copies of draft CD from Jim Haustein on **Industry**, one given to Nancy to get Industry files to Marie Terlizzi, one to Barbara Tefft with old meeting minutes.

Next meeting Wednesday December 5, 2012.

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Motion to Adjourn**Meeting adjourned, 9:10 pm.**