

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes – Approved

March 11, 2015 (Meeting changed from March 4 to March 11)

In Attendance:

- **Planning Board:** Nancy Dolge (Chair), Tom Gerow, Karen Trask
- **Absent:** René Borgella, with notice
- **Secretary:** Barbara Tefft
- **Also in attendance:** Keri Blakinger, Newfield News, Leo Tidd

Meeting called to order, 7:02 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes of February 4, 2015:

Motion to Approve: Tom

Second: Karen

Discussion:

Approval: Unanimous

Rene Borgella work conflict – Nancy explained Rene’s conflict with work on Wed. nights until May 7. We may need to change some meetings until the semester is over. Nancy has Tues. conflict until April 8.

New Board Member Search:

Recruitment contacts: continuing to identify and recruit potential new members, focusing on agriculture

- Scott Smith – not interested, moving to SC
- Leo Tidd – new to Newfield, professional Planner and is very interested in serving
- Beth Bowen – expressed interest but has not applied
- Karl Maki – not interested
- Serena Morse – owns horse business
- Pam Watros – not-for-profit horse rescue
- Bob Mazourek – farm and farm supply business
- Audrey Norberg – Plenty of Posies flower grower
- John and Amanda deOlden – bought old White Nursery
- Alison Wiley – Little Flowers flower grower
- Jerry Mickelson – crops, beef, on Community Action Fund Committee
- Ed Berggren – crops
- Rachael Lodder – grain crops, partner Thor Oschner
- Robert Dobbs –
- Littletree Orchards

Karen will call Bob Mazourek and Ed Berggren

Nancy will call Audrey Norberg, Littletree, deOldens, Serena Morse, Pam Watros, Rachel Lodder

Barb will call Alison Wiley

Planning Board Chair: Nancy’s term is finished on May 8, 2015. A new Chair needs to be determined.

New Business:

- Nancy received an invitation for Planning Board rep to Ithaca Board of Realtors annual luncheon
 - Discussion of local events effecting local real estate.
 - April 23, 2015 Lakewatch Inn
- Nancy read Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan and sent her comments
 - Nancy will email comments to Newfield Planning Board members
 - Tompkins County approved the revised Plan
- Nancy has received a lot of Grant information
 - Consolidated Funding Application– Cleaner Greener
 - Attending meeting April 14, 2015 in Corning with Southern Tier Regional Development Board
 - Will meet with Joan Jurkowich Mar. 16
 - Writing a grant for Planning Board consultant funding
 - Funding for land use tools development

Old Business:

- Town Board adopted Solid Waste management Facilities Law- Feb. 12
- Judge Mulvey upheld Newfield's ban
- Nancy presented a letter to Planning Board for a request to Joan Jurkowich for proposals for consultants
- Community Service Organization Directory is on Town website, posted by Linda Poppleton- no cost
- Barb updated Planning Board website, will rename new minutes and post
- Review of Local Ordinances
 - Karen will contact Cornell Law to see if a law student or paralegal would take it on as a project
 - Maureen Reynolds – digitize records, Tompkins County Clerk at County Courthouse
 - Joe Moreane – Tompkins County Administrator may also have information on digitizing records

Local Subdivision Law Report: Karen

- On Feb. 4, Town Board suggested Newfield already has subdivision law in place. Karen could not find any in Town Ordinances. Asked Roy Trask and Butch Wright.
- Butch Wright, Newfield Code Enforcement Officer said Newfield has none. He has to follow Tompkins County Health Code and New York State regulations. No local subdivision law.
- Tom said there is an ordinance regarding trailer parks, Nancy concurred.

Roundtable Training Session:

- Dates proposed: April 22 or 29, 2015 at 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Nancy will call Enfield, Spencer and Caroline
- Karen will call Danby
- Tom will call Ulysses
- Send questions for discussion and chart to Towns prior to meeting

Newfield Vitalization Committee Report: Barb

- Barb contacted George Franz at Cornell
- There may be a grad student available next academic year
- Currently planning their budget, etc and will notify when accepting proposals

The regularly scheduled March 18, 2015 meeting is cancelled.

The next Newfield Planning Board Meeting is, April 1, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Newfield Town Hall. Regular bimonthly meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Motion to Adjourn: Karen

Second: Nancy

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 pm