

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes Approved

April 1, 2015

In Attendance:

- **Planning Board:** Nancy Dolge (Chair), Tom Gerow, Karen Trask, Tom Gerow, late with notice 7:20pm
- **Absent:** René Borgella, with notice, conflict until May 6, 2015
- **Secretary:** Barbara Tefft, late with notice, 7:15pm
- **Also in attendance:** Dennis Hartley, Leo Tidd, Keri Blakinger, Newfield News

Meeting called to order, 7:25 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes of March 28, 2015:

Motion to Approve: Tom

Second: Karen

Discussion:

Approval: Unanimous

New Planning Board Chair:

- Tom and Karen both interested.
- Tom conceded to Karen pending René's input. Need to find out if René had any interest in serving as chair. Nancy will contact René.
- Town Board to approve chair appointment.

New Board Member Search:

- Town Board official appointment of Leo Tidd pending. Leo is new to Newfield, a professional Planner very interested in serving and has attended the last several meetings.
- Dennis Hartley/Amara Steinkraus of Littletree Orchards expressed interest. One will submit application.
- Karen Trask said Town Board member Roy Trask acknowledged the law regarding composition of the Planning Board may have to be changed to state that the Planning Board "*may*" rather than "*shall*" have an agricultural representative due to the extremely limited available pool of potential applicants available to serve.

Roundtable Training Session:

- April 22 2015 at 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Attending:

- Enfield – Dan Walker
 - Caroline – Chad Novelli and Ed Wurtz
 - Spencer – John Whitcomb and Brent Weston, Planning Board Chair
 - Ulysses – John Wertis – Planning Board Chair and Darby Kiley – Town Planner
 - Sent questions for discussion to Towns prior to meeting.
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- Review of Agenda
 - Set up 5:45pm

- Name tags
- Refreshments:
 - Karen – coffee, plates, napkins, cups
 - Nancy – hot water for tea, water, table cloth, table, easel, chart paper, markers
 - Tom – bologna
 - Leo – cheese, crackers, grapes
- 6:30pm Welcome/Introductions – Nancy
- Review chart of various town land use tools
- 6:45pm Discussion of five predetermined questions on approaches to land use tools and regulation

Newfield Ordinance Review:

- Karen knows a graduating undergrad Cornell student accepted to law school who may be interested in reviewing Newfield Town Ordinances as a volunteer. Will meet with him next week to review books.
- Karen saw an informative Cornell article on Tompkins County land use regulations and their history in the county. Will bring to next meeting.
- Nancy will pursue digitizing ordinances.

Town Board Work Session: Nancy

- Noise ordinance – Town Board reviewed Newark Valley and Enfield ordinances and prepared a draft for Newfield.

Grants: Nancy

- Seeking grant funding for consultant in land use tools
- Nancy spoke with Joan Jurkowicz who estimates \$65-\$125/hr
 - Needs to know level of town's commitment – provided a very detailed outline of lengthy, involved process in educating public on land use tool options, benefits and drawbacks.
- Discussion on whether the entire process package is necessary for Newfield or whether less involved version would be appropriate. Agreed that although it would take more time and funds, the full process would be preferable in educating the community.
- Nancy will write a grant proposal for funding the detailed package and will find out how funds need to be spent at a meeting in Corning April 14, 2015 re Consolidated Funding Grant Application.

To Do:

- Review Caroline and Enfield Site Plan Review Laws prior to April 22, 2015 training session.
- Nancy will send them to Leo Tidd.
- Bring assigned items to training session. See above.

Due to the scheduled April 22, 2015 Training Session, the regularly scheduled April 15, 2015 meeting is cancelled and the Wednesday, May 6, 2015 meeting has been changed to Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

The next public Newfield Planning Board Meeting is, TUESDAY, May 5, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Newfield Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn: Karen

Second: Nancy

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 pm