

## Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes – Approved

May 5, 2015

### In Attendance:

- **Planning Board:** Nancy Dolge (Chair), Karen Trask, Tom Gerow, René Borgella
- **Absent:** Leo Tidd, without notice
- **Secretary:** Barbara Tefft
- **Also in attendance:** Michelle Henry

Meeting called to order, 7:13 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

### **Minutes of April 1, 2015:**

**Motion to Approve:** Karen

**Second:** Nancy/Tom

**Abstain:** René

**Discussion:** Minor edit

**Approval:** Unanimous

### New Business:

- Karen emailed an article by Cornell regarding 1930's reforestation projects for historical perspective.
- Trash – much worse recently along roads, Rt 13, Millard Hill Rd. Nancy called Casella twice since April and was told Casella would pick up the trash. Has not been done yet. All board members noted they also had seen extreme amounts of trash on their roads and property, including countless numbers of mini alcohol bottles. Nancy said there is a donor willing to pay for no littering/fine signs. Education and fines discussed.
- Community Pride Civic Organization proposed by Casey Powers. Nancy spoke with her about establishing.

### Old Business:

- Planning Board member search
  - Dennis Hartley and Athena both declined, no time to commit
  - Karen will speak with Town Supervisor Jeff Hart about changing law to say “may” have an agriculture representative on Planning Board rather than “shall” because of extremely limited available pool of candidates.
  - Town Board responsible for appointing Planning Board Members, so need to administer on changing the law.
- Digitizing Town Ordinances
  - Nancy contacted Tompkins County Deputy Clerk in Ithaca. They have a grant to do it for all towns. Newfield's Ordinances are already done.
  - Character recognition, searchable scans completed.
  - Will be available on Town website.
- Review of Existing Ordinances
  - Karen arranged for a recent Cornell grad heading for Columbia Law to review Town Ordinances and make recommendations.
- Noise Ordinance

- Town Board working on first draft. Delay is County Sheriff does not have a decibel meter needed to enforce. Will depend on who owns meter to enforce law, Newfield or County. Or maybe subjective determination is an option. Permits for parties or events that may get loud, short term.

**Discussion:** Roundtable Training Session

- Review of notes from Roundtable

**Town Board Meeting Representative:**

- Planning Board member needed to attend Town Board meetings
- Karen will attend next TB meeting
- René will attend June 11, 2015 TB meeting
- Tom will attend July 9, 2015 TB meeting

**Grants:** Nancy

- NYS Consolidated Funding Grant Call for Application announced. Nancy will lead writing for the application. Notified Jeff Hart, no response as of yet.
- Ed Labella, engineer offered to assist in writing the grant.
- Grant is due July 31, 2015
- Concerned about gateway registration which was done with Kathy Crance. Need a vending number from it to submit grant.
- Much of grant funding is geared toward sustainability.
- May approach Park Foundation or Katie Borgella to state support in working with Newfield.

**To Do:**

- Karen – start putting details of Site Plan Review together
- Tom – clearing up misconceptions of Land Use Regulation

The next public Newfield Planning Board Meeting is, TUESDAY, May 20, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Newfield Town Hall.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom

**Second:** René

**Approval:** Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:54 pm