

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT 1

August 25, 2015

In Attendance:

- **Planning Board:** René Borgella, Leo Tidd, , Karen Trask
- **Absent:** Tom Gerow
- **Secretary:** Barbara Tefft
- **Also in attendance:**

Meeting called to order, 7:12 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes of August 5, 2015:

Motion to Approve: René

Second: Leo

Discussion:

Approval: Unanimous

Privilege of the Floor: None

Grant Proposal Updates:

- Karen attended meeting of the **Community Foundation of Tompkins County**, of which **Sustainable Newfield** is a fund member.
- Obtained tools for applying for minimum \$5,000 up to maximum \$20,000 grant.
- Karen suggested applying some of Park Foundation grant to this grant toward supporting additional sources of funding for Land Use Regulation.
- Community Foundation grant applications are due September 30, 2015.
- Grants focus on “collective impact” projects – building collaborative community.
- **Park Foundation Grant update**
 - Letter of inquiry requested amount differs from grant proposal.
 - Park Foundation indicated they were mostly interested in funding the education piece, not all the way through legislation
 - Discussion: Proposal edits, wording changes
 - Edit draft to refocus and refine Nancy’s draft more specifically toward the education piece.
 - Planning Board members will submit edits to Karen
 - Karen will email Nancy.

New Planning Board Member Search:

- Bob Mazourek applied, would meet the ag member requirement that is now preferred but not mandatory.
- Tom Porter called about applying. Has recently moved back to the area after being gone for 30 years.
- One other application was distributed.

Town Board Report:

- Karen attended
- Bill Baker accepted the temporary code enforcement position. Bill is a retired Ithaca firefighter and former building inspector in Trumansburg.
- Office hours are Wednesdays and by appointment.
- Working 16-20 hours/week, initially sorting out backlog.
- Noise Ordinance:
 - A draft was presented which was compiled from copied and pasted elements from other outside town noise ordinances. Draft mentioned zoning but Newfield does not have zoning.
 - Subjective enforcement by police, won't work.
 - Public Hearing postponed, revised draft to come in October or November, 2015,
- Keri Blakinger, Newfield News reporter, is leaving for a job at the NY Daily News in NYC.

Planning Board Budget:

- Planning Board has funds remaining to spend before end of 2015 toward community outreach.
- Discussion of most beneficial use of funds –
- Contact Joan Jerkovich to meet to discuss what it would take to start education process on Land Use Regulation and what she recommends using remaining funds most efficiently toward.

Town Board Meeting Representatives:

- Leo will attend August 13, 2015 Town Board meeting

The next public Newfield Planning Board Meeting is, Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Newfield Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn: Leo

Second: René

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm