

Newfield Town Planning Board Meeting Minutes- April 6, 2016

The Meeting of the Newfield Town Planning Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room April 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Karen Trask at 7:04pm.

*Present were:* Karen Trask, Tom Gerow, Leo Tidd, Diana Bryant and Bob Mazourek. Also present: George Frantz, Phil McIntyre and one attendee (Gene Yapple)

**Privilege of the floor** was given to Gene Yapple who indicated his unhappiness with the planning board's current discussions of land use, particularly as it relates to agriculture. He also feels that we should be spending more time on bringing the community together that pitting neighbor against neighbor.

**New Business**

Phil McIntyre of Delaware River Solar gave a presentation regarding the solar options in the Newfield area. Currently this company has no solar customers in the NY area. They are more of a financier for those who want to put solar on their land. Currently they are looking for people who have at least 10 acres of open land and are interested in having solar.

Documentation was handed out regarding the company and copies will be given to Town Supervisor Jeff Hart.

**Old Business**

Reviewed the outcome of the March 26<sup>th</sup> Community Forums: Chairman Karen Trask presented an overview of the forum. (See attached) It was well attended, with great discussions and all were very respectful of each other's questions and opinions.

Consultant George Frantz discussed the upcoming community forum on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Will have handouts with a glossary of terms, information on each of the land uses being discussed (Site plan review, sub division and zoning), along with other miscellaneous items. Diana Bryant will arrive at the Newfield Fire Hall at 9am to help Karen Trask setup. Forum will begin at 10am.

At 8:34 p.m., a motion was made by Diana Bryant to move adjournment, seconded by Tom Gerow.

## Overview of March 26, 2016 Community Forum #1

Session #1 at 10am- approximately 46 attendees

Session #2 at 1pm – approximately 20 attendees

Follow survey was emailed to 34 (those who gave email addresses) and we had 14 responses.

Survey Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Yes	No
Did the forum meet expectations?					13	1
How would you rate the presentation?	6	7	1			
How would you rate the presenter?	6	6	1			
Do you feel this was informative?					13	1
Will you be attending the April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Forum?					10	2

### Additional Comments:

1. What percentage of Newfield is agriculture, industrial, residential, state owned, etc.
2. Would have been nice to have either Town Supervisor or Planning board Chair introduce presenter, why we are doing this and what this is about.
3. Most regulations that people seemed concerned about are already in place with other agencies.
4. Seems like a great beginning....thank you for all the hard work.
5. I liked the fact that people could ask questions during the presentation.
6. I learned a number of things and look forward to the next meeting.
7. Presenter was polite and well spoken.
8. George knows his stuff.
9. It would be helpful if the planning board distributed a glossary of terms and a few useful links.
10. George- just the right presenter for this community.
11. Great questions and people were very respectful of one another.

A short list of questions that were asked:

1. Would a dump fall under site plan review?
2. Would a trailer park fall under site plan review?
3. Is site plan review a public process?
4. Does the public help decide the zoning laws? Site plan review laws?
5. Can you set up a single zone that stipulates that all industrial/commercial can only be built on route 13?
6. Can you stop multiple businesses from building in one area?
7. Are town laws a form of zoning?
8. Can a town go from non-zoning to zoning without a referendum?
9. Can towns ban factory farms?
10. Can site plan review prevent a chicken farm or pig farm from being built in small residential area such as hamlet?