Newfield Planning Board Meeting – Agenda

July 10, 2024

Newfield Town Hall, 166 Main Street, Newfield, New York and Via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Revisions to Agenda (if applicable)

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2024

4. Opening Privilege of the Floor

5. New Building Permits Review (if applicable)

6. New Site Plan Review – TJA for Solar Farm – Millard Hill Road

7. Old Business:
   - OHD Participation by Planning Board Members
   - Comprehensive Plan – New Recreational Opportunities for Adults & Children (beyond existing programs)

8. Closing Privilege of the Floor

9. Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 7, 2024

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Newfield Planning Board
Meeting Agenda

July 10, 2024
7:00 PM
Zoom Access

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Town of Newfield
Planning Board – Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Newfield Town Hall, 166 Main Street, Newfield, NY
June 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Present:	Deb Eichten, (Chair); Tom Heffron (Vice Chair) Mike McLaughlin; Ben Emery; Mike Allinger (Town Supervisor)
Absent:	None
Excused:	None
Guests:	Mike Wilson, Town of Newfield Recreation Department

*Attended via Zoom

Call to Order:

Deb Eichten, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Opening Privilege of the Floor:

None at this time.

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2024:

It was MOVED by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Heffron, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2024. MINUTES APPROVED.

New Building Permits Review

Ms. Eichten said that the Planning Board has not received any building permits for review. It was also noted that Scott Cole will serve as the new Code Enforcement officer as an intermediary until new hire.

New Site Plan Review

Ms. Eichten stated that the Planning Board does not have any new site plans for review.

Comprehensive Plan Working Session: – Town of Newfield Recreation (Guest: Mike Wilson)

Mr. Emery read from the 2013 Comprehensive Plan (page 49 and 50 referenced herein)

Mr. Wilson reported to the Committee the status of programming held within the Town of Newfield's Recreation:

FALL- Soccer
Spencer-Van Etten / Cass Park are all the teams that Newfield will be be joining in 2024/2025
Fifth and 6th grade kids with 30-35 co-ed teams
25 students participate in 3rd grade
35-40 kids in the 1st and 2nd grade
Pre-K group also

FALL-Cheerleading
with Trojan Elite (flag football) – open to all genders
5 or 6 girls
Competitive Cheerleading with 12 girls

FALL-Cross-Country
10 kids consistently each year; Pre-K added

WINTER-Basketball
6th grade boys' team with 20 participants
4-6th grade with15 kids
5th grade boys with 12 kids every year
3rd and 4th grade for boys is always 12
3rd grade girls consistently 10
1 & 2nd grade with 25 kids
Pre-K has approximately 35 kids

WINTER-Cheerleading
10 girls (restarted in 2022)

Mr. MacLaughlin asked if there is the possibility to take "modified" kids in basketball.

WINTER-Volleyball
20 girls in 2nd grade and under
3rd – 6th grade has another 25 kids

WINTER-Wrestling
Pre-K group has 15 kids
1st-6th grade has 30 kids consistently

Mr. Wilson noted that a lot of these kids are multiple sports.

Mr. Wilson shared one challenge is that gyms at the high school and the gradeschool are fully booked in winter. He said the Baptist Church gymnasium has also been used for sports/recreation.

SPRING-Softball
1st-3rd grade **- only** 3 signed up this year so they were moved up to 4th
4th-6th grade consistently has 18 girls
Pre-K 20 kids for T-ball
Minor is 25-30 kids

Majors (5th and 6th grade) play 20 games with teams from four towns.
1st & 2nd grade “Coach Pitch” play at Cass Park

SPRING-Track
Pre-KK has 20 kids.
1st – 6th grade has 40 kids (including 15 or 20 from Ithaca Youth Bureau)

SPRING-ARTS & CRAFTS (added in 2023)
K-6th grade for the kids that don’t want to play sports; held weekly in school cafeteria.

SUMMER-Camp (6-weeks beginning the week after school ends so kids have one week off between school ending and camp starting. 70 kids have signed up; max capacity is 80. It includes DSS students who may be out-of-residence in Newfield. $3.50 /hour for pre-camp and post-camp childcare)

SUMMER-GOLF (for kids under 13 parent and kid come together for free; older kids or adults pay small fee.)

SUMMER-ADULT BASKETBALL
In 2024, the group divided into “competitive” with 20 members + “open court”

SUMMER-ADULT VOLLEYBALL – 2023 consistent 10-20 players which dwindled; in 2024 no interest.

SUMMER-ADULT PICKLEBALL – advertised but no interest evident. Tried to start in the Winter in the gym but the weekday hours very difficult.

Mr. Wilson advised the committee that in 2023 he put out a Face Book query to see what types of activities individuals in Newfield wanted. He said there was a response to have adult softball; however, only 4 individuals showed up. He also said 5 players had signed up for autumn kickball league (sponsored by a bar in Ithaca), but interest declined. Mr. Wilson said that he has heard people mention an event type activity that could be attractive to adults – e.g. BINGO, which could also be a fundraiser for a specific project.

Mr. Wilson said that he has tried to bring wrestling back to the schools. He also said he has also lacrosse but was advised that equipment costs are high.

Mr. Wilson said he runs programs (administratively) with volunteer coaches and camp counselors managing specifics, where there is always one “point person” for each recreational activity. He said he starts every season with meetings with coaches to discuss objectives and code of ethics and CPR training. Parents and kids must sign-off on attendance promise and ethics. Parents must stay during practices and games for 3rd graders and under (no drop off).

After Mr. Wilson presented information to the Planning Board, the members held a discussion which led to the following, but not limited to:

- Ms. Eichten noted that hiking trails are managed primarily by FLT (e.g., Connecticut Hill) but are there areas in Newfield where trail heads could be created?
- Mr. MacLaughlin asked what else could be done for non-school aged residents?
- Mr. Allinger and Mr. MacLaughlin both noted that Newfield should find a representative to attend the County-wide recreational committee meetings.

New Business

The committee members questioned what the Planning Board can do to solicit more input on recreational activities in Newfield. The committee expressed and suggested the following:

- An open-ended questionnaire on Facebook to solicit input.
- Expressed concern that a survey without specific actions coming out of the data collected is not really moving a plan forward.

Summary of brainstorming: What existing clubs can we invite to Planning Board meeting to see if there are ways the Planning Board can support?

- April Trout Fishing tournament?
- Mazourek's off-road bike weekend? -- Would inviting local food trucks be helpful?
- Finger Lakes Running Club --- Would they be interested in Newfield hosting a Duathlon --- (Mr. Allinger will invite speaker)
- Color Run (Rick Pellon) --- (Mr. Heffron will invite him)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 2024 PLANNING BOARD MEETING WILL BE A WORKING SESSION FOR EXPLORING EXISTING RECREATIONAL CLUBS EVENTS THAT MAY BECOME EVENTS IN THE TOWN OF NEWFIELD

It was MOVED by Ms. Eichten, seconded by Mr. MacLaughlin, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present in person, to approve the July 2024 Planning Board Meeting will be a working session for exploring existing recreational events that may become events in the Town of Newfield. MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

Mr. MacLaughlin noted that the May 18th County-wide training session on Site Review Process brought to his attention that since Newfield does not have zoning, the Planning Board only has the existing laws which allow the Planning Board/Town Board to say "no" to a proposal.

Mr. Allinger and Mr. Emery both noted that without enforcement, the laws on the books now have not taken care of the property on Route 13 with junk. Tompkins County Sheriff is willing to support Newfield officers' effort to close that down. Mr. Allinger said he has talked to the Health Dept who responded the Town is in a better position to get results.

Closing Privilege of the Floor

None at this time.

Closing/Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Next Meeting: July 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Sheldon, Planning Board Secretary