

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2013

In Attendance:

- Planning Board: Randy Brown (Chair), Nancy Dolge, Gene Yaples, Gary Goff
- Other: Marie Terlizzi, Industry chapter contributor
- Barbara Tefft, Secretary

Agenda Items:

Summary of Agenda Items for January 2, 2013 meeting:

Review and submit comments on all Services Chapters for final draft vote:

- Discussion and review: Industry
- Approve last meeting's minutes
- Vote: Communications (Tabled from Dec 19)
- Vote: Energy (Tabled from Dec 19)
- Vote: Housing
- Discussion and review: Human Services
- Updates on other chapters
- Other business

Randy:

- Report on progress on **Business** and **Hamlet** chapters
- Report on discussion with Town Board about the concept of the **Old Home Days Committee** being made an official committee of the Town rather than the existing group of private individual organizers.

Meeting called to order, 7:15 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes - Submitted by Christopher Hayes:

Newfield Planning Board approved Minutes of December 19, 2012. Randy abstained.

Discussion Energy:

Changes from last meeting incorporated. Gary thought it need wording tweak in Goal 4, Objective 4b: "safe" and "risk" are relative generic terms and he wondered if they could be restated because he is concerned about who deems a technology as "safe" or what a "risk" is. Nancy argued that the way it is stated is ok because the Plan is not a Law and is a fluid document and may change as it goes through the approval process. Gary stated after discussion that he is now satisfied that it is stated as best as can be. Gary motioned to vote on the Energy Chapter. Randy arrived, was updated on the discussion and seconded the Motion to Approve the Energy Chapter.

The Energy Chapter was Approved.

Communications Chapter:

Motion to Approve the Communications Chapter was made by Gene Yaples.

Communications Chapter Approved.

Discussion: Industry

Marie Terlizzi attending to present her latest revision. Survey input had to be interpreted to apply to industry, economic development data, etc. included. Needed to define "What is Industry?". Marie addressed definitions in report. She used any responses relating to economic activity. Heavy vs. Light, impacts to be concerned about, current preparation, for impacts. Goals and objectives look toward preparing for impact mitigation, generically. Nancy said some communities require Site Plan Reviews as a strategy for impact mitigation when no zoning exists. DEC does not look at impacts on individuals, just the environmental impacts. Site Plan Reviews will cover impacts of traffic, noise, etc. One of the goals of the Town Board Moratorium was to consider implementing use of Site Plan Review Committee, included in Marie's chapter. Randy questioned definitions under the Vision – what is "low impact?". Define, clarify. "intensive" industry may not be necessarily "heavy". Heavy means more impacts on environment and community. Intensive means more activity – economic, employment, etc, but not necessarily environmental, ie: banking industry. Add lists of specific industries that should be encouraged or discouraged. Look at Dryden Comprehensive Plan as an example. Marie will make changes and attend the February 6, 2013 meeting.

Update on: Housing

Discussion tabled until January 16, 2013 meeting.

Update on: Human Services

Discussion tabled until January 16, 2013 meeting when Chris can attend. Needs reduction and editing.

Update on: Hamlet

Randy submitted a draft for input. He mentioned including an Action Item of hiring an engineer to develop a strategic plan. Grants are available to towns with such a statement in their Plan to hire. Send comments to Randy via email. He will flesh out outline for a Hamlet Chapter.

Barb will request from Karen or Richard Driscoll the Visioning Group Plan done for the Hamlet done 15 or 20 years ago.

Update on: Health and Safety

Ray says he will send a draft to Barb by January 9, 2013 and will attend the January 16th meeting.

Discussion: Agriculture

Barb and Gene met after the Planning Board meeting to discuss the chapter. Gene gave Barb more data.

Other Business:

Randy nominated Nancy for Chair of the Newfield Planning Board. Motion seconded and Approved.

Nancy Dolge is the new Chair, Randy is Acting Chair for the January 16, 2013 meeting as Nancy will be in Belize.

Next meeting Wednesday January 16, 2013.

Summary of Agenda Items for January 16, 2013 meeting:

- Progress **Updates** on Services Chapters:
 - Health and Safety
 - Municipal Services
 - Human Services
 - Recreation
 - Senior Services
 - Childcare
 - Education
 - Library
- Economic Development Chapters
 - Housing
 - Agriculture
 - Business
 - Hamlet
 - Industry

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned, 9:40 pm.