

## **Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

January 16, 2013

### **In Attendance:**

- Planning Board: Randy Brown (Acting Chair), Gene Yaples, Gary Goff
- Other: Chris Hayes (Consultant)
- Barbara Tefft, Secretary

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **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

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

### **Minutes - Submitted by Barbara Tefft:**

Newfield Planning Board approved Minutes of January 2, 2012.

### **Discussion: Health and Safety**

No update. Tony was to follow up with Ray Wheaton. Tony was in the hospital recently so Gary will touch base with both Tony and Ray.

NOTE: Secretary was able to contact Ray Wheaton after the meeting via a corrected email address. Ray said he would try to finish the chapter by the January 30 draft deadline but it would be tight.

**Discussion: Municipal Services**

Chris did update and made graphs clearer, showing reduction in funding from various sources. Chris will contact Roy Trask on the Town Board regarding details of the Town Budget. Gene had a question about Objective 1b, Action Item. Chris will change wording to be more of a recommendation as opposed to a directive. Goal 2 has no Action Items – will add after contacting Roy Trask.

Draft 2 accepted. Chris will revise for February 20, 2013 meeting VOTE. Comments due to Chris by February 6, 2013. Draft 3 to Secretary by February 15, 2013

**Discussion: Childcare**

REVISED per phone conversation with Chair 01/23/2013

Sylvia Allinger has gathered data for this section. Sylvia will get her materials to Nancy Dolge who will compile and write this section and put in proper format. Draft 1 due to Secretary by January 30, 2013.

**Update on: Community (formerly Human) Services**

Gene questioned placement of Recreation section in Human Services under Education rather than Community Services. The Board agreed to change the Chapter title to Community Services. Newfield needs to have a Recreation Board/Committee in order to receive funding from CCE or Tompkins County. Gene said that Rec Program needs to be centered around the School to keep it central to the community. Building a community center shouldn't be a priority at this point due to the high cost of funding which is not available. Chris could add a line that survey respondents stated a desire for a Community Center, though cost is a significant concern.

**Community Services Chapter: Final Draft Due February 13, 2013**

Recreation – Complete  
Senior Services  
Childcare

Services Section needs to be submitted to the Town Board by the end of February, 2013.

Chris recommended Tompkins County also review the document at the same time the Town Board reviews it, in an Advisory capacity.

**Update on: Housing**

Chris spoke with the Newfield Garden Apartments manager who approved of the Housing and Senior Services sections. Added that there is a lack of Assisted Living services in Tompkins County. Options for independent senior living or skilled nursing homes exist but not assisted living. Transportation and sidewalks are also an issue. Better Housing of Tompkins County has Eco dwellings with discussion of a sort of Senior mobile home park possibly being created. Younger, more active seniors are moving to Garden Apartments,

the older seniors are not active creating a need for different services. Chris will speak with Donna Jean Darling about the Newfield Seniors social group.

**Housing Draft 2 Due February 13, 2013 for discussion at the February 20, 2013 meeting.**

Gary gave Chris his hard copy comments and had a question on Objective 14 – code enforcement. Observation was that Newfield needs to hire more code enforcement officers because they can't keep up currently. Objective 1d – possibly too restrictive because of disperse housing throughout entire Town. There would be no possibility of any industry being allowed. Add statement about mitigation of impact of industry. Reference where to go back to definition/explanation of Site Plan Review which is detailed earlier in the Economic Development Introduction. Mention impact of potential changes to Route 13 – possibly becoming a four-lane highway with Trumbulls Corners Road intersection overpass. Need to include in Transportation.

**Discussion: Agriculture**

Barb and Gene will have Draft 2 ready for the February 6, 2013 meeting.

**Discussion: Hamlet**

Randy presented hardcopy Draft 2. Randy is incorporating Nancy's comments. Gary gave Randy his hardcopy comments. Chris recommended making the Hamlet Chapter it's own individual Comprehensive Plan. He will pull out all information pertaining to the Hamlet from Town plan sections to compile into a Hamlet Plan section.

**Other Business:**

**Next meeting Wednesday February 6, 2013.**

**Summary of Agenda Items for February 6, 2013 meeting:**

**REVISED Summary of Agenda Items for February 6, 2013 meeting:** per phone conversation with Chair 01/23/2013

***Review and submit comments on Industry Chapter to Marie Terlizzi at m\_b\_terlizzi@hotmail.com:***

- Approve January 16, 2013 meeting minutes
- Discussion and review: Industry – Marie Terlizzi attending
- Discussion and review: Child Care Draft 1 – Nancy, Sylvia
- Discussion and review: Agriculture Draft 2 – Barb, Gene
- Updates on other chapters
- Other business

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned, 9:10 pm.**