

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2012

In Attendance:

- Planning Board: Nancy Dolge, Tony Russo, Gene Yaples
- Other: Chris Hayes (Consultant), Carol Mallison, Marie Terlizzi
- Barbara Tefft, Secretary

Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes of October 17, 2012.
- Report on Regional Conference and Training for Planning and Zoning Board Members attended by Nancy Dolge and Marie Terlizzi on Oct 25, 2012.
- Senior Services: Carol Mallison to attend for introduction/guidance on writing this section
- Childcare: Sylvia Allinger to attend for introduction/guidance on writing this section
- Discussion of Agriculture Chapter
- Update on Transportation Chapter – Gary
- Update on Industry Chapter – Nancy Dolge, Marie Terlizzi
- Create list of guidelines for Town Board to follow in reviewing Plan Chapters.

Randy:

- Locate Jim Haustein **Industry** draft CD, give to Barb to forward chapter to Chris
- 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, 7:10 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes - Submitted by Barbara Tefft:

Newfield Planning Board approved Minutes of October 17, 2012.

Report: on Regional Conference and Training for Zoning Board Members

Nancy and Marie attended the conference at TC3 in Cortland on October 25, 2012. The Comprehensive Planning Session was informative and reassuring that the Newfield Planning Board is doing what it needs to do procedurally. Since no zoning is involved, Newfield only needs to do a generic environmental impact statement rather than a full SEQRA review for environmental implications of the Plan.

Discussion: Senior Services

Carol Mallison presented her research and outline for the Senior Services section. A discussion with board members regarding organization of the chapter clarified the next steps for Carol to work on such as making a table of service names and descriptions. Include evidence from the Survey with percentages of respondents valuing services to be included. Add action items such as putting a brochure rack in the Garden Apartments lobby to educate seniors as to what services currently exist within Tompkins County. More complex larger items, such as senior housing, needs to be included using language such as “investigate the possibility of...” Mention partnering with other organizations such as Better Housing of Tompkins County for long-range, large-scale goals.

Discussion: Industry

Marie Terlizzi discussed what she was working on in the Industry Chapter. Gas drilling was determined to be included in this chapter. Nancy is sending what she had on unconventional drilling in the Energy chapter to Marie to use in the Industry chapter instead.

Discussion: Agriculture

Gene Yaples reported on the Agriculture Chapter. Gene felt Farmland Protection details didn't need to specifically be included in the Plan but to refer to them as being available at web sites and include links. Gene spoke about how the corporate aspects of farming and regulations are extremely complex. Nancy spoke about educating people regarding farming regulations and rights. Gene said that there currently is no corporate farming in Newfield due to the town's hilly terrain. Corporate and hobby farms get government assistance but family farms do not receive the same benefits. Chris said what Gene had written was good and made some suggestions for additions and clarification. Gene will make edits based on comments and report at the next meeting.

Discussion: Guidelines for Town Board to Review Plan

The Newfield Town Board will receive completed sections of the Comprehensive Plan to review. Town Board members mission in this review is to evaluate the document sections with an eye toward:

- Language appropriateness, wording
- Fact checking – obvious problems
- Content accuracy
- Gaps in content

Meeting date change: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the Planning Board has voted to move its next meeting to November 28, 2012.

Summary of Agenda Items for November 28, 2012 meeting:

- Childcare: Sylvia Allinger attending for introduction/guidance on writing this section
- Discussion of Agriculture Chapter – Gene to report
- Update on Transportation Chapter – Gary
- Update on Industry Chapter – Marie Terlizzi
- Update on Senior Services section – Carol Mallison

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Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned, 9:20 pm.