



Town of Newfield Planning Board

Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Town of Newfield Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Leo Tidd at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held virtually via ZOOM.

Present

Planning Board: Chairman Leo Tidd, Vice Chairman Jacob Marnell, Randy Brown, Brenda Lapp, Jim Haustein; Town Board: Mike Allinger; Resident: Justin Chandler.

Privilege of the Floor

Justin Chandler, Planning Board member applicant, introduced himself to the Planning Board.

Approval of Minutes

- The April 7, 2021 Minutes were reviewed and approved without modification.

Open Issues

Newfield Hamlet Revitalization Plan (NEWHARP)/Cornell Design Connect Status

- As part of a planned Newfield Hamlet Revitalization Plan, the Town of Newfield Planning Board is working with Cornell Design Connect to being an initial investigation to develop a plan to encourage a walkable, attractive, and vital downtown Hamlet.
- The Project is nearing completion. The results of this study will be presented to the Town on Wednesday, May 26th in a special meeting of the Planning Board at 7:00 PM. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend via Zoom.

New Business

Site Plan Reviews/Subdivision Applications

No new site plans or subdivision applications were received during March 2021; no site plans or subdivision applications are currently under review.



Review of Building Permits

The Planning Board had no concerns or comments on any of the Building Permits issued during April 2021.

Solar Strategy

Planning Board members have begun review of the Newfield Large-Scale Solar Energy Law (2017-4) and is authoring a revised law to be provided to the Town Board for their consideration. During the May 5 Planning Board meeting, Planning Board member input and comments to the draft document, based in part on the Caroline Solar Law, were discussed. The Planning Board plans to have a copy of the final draft document to the Town Board prior to their May 27 meeting. ACTION ITEM: Jim Haustein to format the final draft solar law document using the same format as the Town subdivision law.

Miscellaneous

Planning Board Membership

At their April 22, 2011 meeting, the Newfield Town Board approved a five-year extension (i.e., until May 8, 2026) of Planning Board terms for Chairman Leo Tidd and Jim Haustein.

Jacob Marnell has indicated he will plan to leave the Planning Board when his term expires on May 8, 2021. The Planning Board would like to thank Jake for his dedication and service and appreciates his efforts, input, expertise, and experience which he provided during his tenure on the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is presently soliciting applications to fill the slot vacated by Jacob Marnell.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Review of Site Plan and Subdivision Review Applications Received
- Review of Building Permits
- Newfield Hamlet Revitalization Plan (NEWHARP) – Path Forward
- Proposed Revisions to Solar Law
- Planning Board Member Recruitment
- Miscellaneous



Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jacob Marnell and seconded by Leo Tidd. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Leo Tidd at 8:55 PM. The next general meeting of the Newfield Planning Board will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Venue (via ZOOM or at the Town Hall) to be determined.

Submitted by Jim Haustein