

July 15, 2015

In Attendance:

- **Planning Board:** René Borgella, Leo Tidd, Tom Gerow – acting chair
- **Absent:** Karen Trask (Chair), ill
- **Secretary:** Barbara Tefft
- **Also in attendance:** Nancy Dolge, Marie Terlizzi

Meeting called to order, 7:03 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes of July 1, 2015:

Tabled – no quorum

Privilege of the Floor: Marie Terlizzi

- Marie expressed interest in participating in implementation of the Action Steps 21 & 29 pertaining to energy. However, Marie feels she is not able to serve on Planning Board at this time with all of her other commitments including working on establishment of “Newfield Community Action, Inc”, Mission Statement: “The specific objectives and purposes of this Corporation shall be to enhance the quality of life of Newfield residents through support of projects that address community needs and aspirations expressed in Newfield’s Comprehensive Plan and in conversations with the community. The corporation may carry out such projects itself or assist community groups in Newfield who want to take on such projects. Assistance may include serving as fiscal sponsor for a project. The corporation will pursue government and private foundations grants as well as donations from individuals and others to accomplish its mission.” Organization could be used as a vehicle for orphan organizations who do not have 501(c)3 status to receive grant funding, ie Newfield Historical Society.

Land Use Regulation Education Grant Research Update: Nancy Dolge

- Nancy and Leo Tidd met with Jon Jensen, Executive Director of the Park Foundation for the purpose of determining if the proposed Newfield “Community-wide Education and Development and Implementation of Land Use Strategies” project fits with the Park Foundation’s mission and interest in funding. See Nancy’s report from the July 10, 2015 meeting. Nancy used the Park Foundation Inquiry sheet as a rough outline for her meeting as well as other materials listed in her report. The Planning Board was given a copy of the Inquiry Sheet and has access to the other listed materials.
- If the Park Foundation gives the go ahead, Nancy will write a full proposal. She will get Planning Board and Town Board approval before she submits it. The next round of applications are due Sept. 25. The town would be notified by Dec. 31 if we are to receive funding. In late April 2015 Nancy sent the Joan Jurkovich’s Rough Outline to the Town Board and Planning Board. This generic, rough outline projects the tasks, time and costs of continuing with Action Step #1 whether or not we use the County Planning Dept. or decide to hire a private consultant. Nancy’s purpose was to let the Planning Board and Town Board know the rough scope of what she is seeking grant funding for. Nancy could not attend the May 14 Town Board meeting when they discussed this rough outline. Karen Trask defended it in her place.
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- Since the meeting with Park Foundation Nancy has begun to sketch out a more detailed project budget including in-kind services and estimated town contribution. She provided an unfinished draft to let the Planning Board know where she is headed. Jon Jenson, Exec Director of Park Foundation said they are especially interested in the education piece but, of course, funding is not guaranteed to be approved.
- Strengthening the application with evidence of Town Board commitment by securing an adequate Planning Board budget for the next two years along with demonstration of previous and ongoing research and inquiry into other potential grant funding sources will make any proposal more attractive.
- Leo also attended the meeting with the Park Foundation and said Jon encouraged framing any proposal around the positive impacts of Land Use Regulation especially in regard to environmental, energy and community benefit.
- Nancy reiterated that this year's New York State Consolidated Funding Application offered no programs to help with basic Land Use Planning unlike in past years.

Town Board Report: Tom Gerow

- Public Hearing – changed law regarding Planning Board agriculture representative requirement. Law now says Planning Board “may” have an ag rep, rather than “must” have, due to limited eligible pool of potential recruits.
- Discussion on conservation easement on storage buildings on Sebring? Road.
- Highway report on flood damage. Still within this year's budget but used funds on flood damage repairs that were intended for improvements. More flood damage work to be completed.
- Noise Ordinance discussion tabled.
- Emergency Response Plan was found. Last updated in 2003, needs revision.
- Health Insurance Consortium – Town Board having email problems with new system so did not receive quotes and information.
- Tom Gerow approached the Town Board regarding pursuing a professionally developed and maintained, fully functional and stable Town website toward further implementation of Action Step 14, outlined in Chapter 8 of the Newfield Comprehensive Plan. Town Board members agreed.
- Next Town Board meeting is August 13, 2015. Leo is attending.

Town Email Update:

- René hasn't been able to use his Town email account for several weeks. No response to inquiries about gaining access until today. Received a new password and now has access.
- Secretary also still does not have access. Will contact Linda Poppleton.
- Tom also had to resolve password issues to get access.
- Planning Board members do not currently have access to old emails, a potential FOIA problem.

Joint Town/Planning Board Work Session:

- Date September 24, 2015
- Tom contacted Darby Kiley in Ulysses and will be touring Ulysses with her to get photos of examples of successes and failures of their land use regulation.
- Other Planning Board members still need to contact their assigned towns and do the same, ASAP.

Old Home Days: July 24-25, 2015

- Discussion on whether Planning Board will have a display booth this year.
- Only available Planning Board members that weekend are René and Leo. Will decide among themselves if they can do it.

Review of Action Steps 21 & 29: Re Energy

- René said Tompkins County is working on an “energy roadmap” of uses and sources of energy in the county.
- May be able to plug into projects the county is planning toward meeting Newfield objectives.
- Marie Terlizzi added that a priority is on “building envelope” improvements ie draft reduction, etc.
- Newfield could promote NYSERDA programs – energy audits to get access to abatements and low income homeowner grants and funding.
- Possibility of organizing an Energy Home Show to educate community on energy efficiency programs and services
- Tompkins County Community Meetings planned for early autumn in each town.
- Leo will contact Katie Borgella about example Energy Plans in Tompkins County.
- Discussion and review to be continued at next meeting.

Barbara Tefft 8/13/15 12:27 AM

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Town Board Meeting Representatives:

- Leo will attend August 13, 2015 Town Board meeting

To Do:

- **All:** Contact Roundtable participant towns as assigned for land use example photos.
- **Leo** will contact Katie Borgella about example Energy Plans in Tompkins County.

The next public Newfield Planning Board Meeting is, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Newfield Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn: René

Second: Leo

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04 pm