

Newfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2014

In Attendance:

- **Planning Board:** Nancy Dolge (Chair), René Borgella, Jeff Golden, Tom Gerow, Karen Trask
- **Absent:**
- **Secretary:** Barbara Tefft
- **Also in attendance:** Keri Blakinger - Newfield News, Michelle Henry, Nancy Potter

Meeting called to order, 7:01 pm, Newfield Town Hall.

Minutes of July 16, 2014:

Discussion: Minor edits.

Motion to Approve: Tom

Second: Karen

Abstain:

Approval: Nancy, Jeff, Karen, Tom, René

Ongoing Business:

- Nancy's meeting with Supervisor Jeff Hart regarding Transfer Station and Hazard Mitigation plan did not happen. Scheduling problems.
- Jeff Golden also did not get a response from Supervisor Jeff Hart regarding setting up a meeting to talk about the Oct. 7 Collaborative Event, so will try to go to see him at his place of business.
- Supervisor Hart has Town Hall hours on Wednesdays mornings
- Barb submitted the application for the Planning Board Old Home Days booth to Jill Green.
- Karen Trask attending a Storm Water training session in Dryden, presented by Tompkins County. Will be attending August 20, 2014, the same day as Planning Board evening land use strategies training session.
- Michelle Henry attended water meetings – Dryden working on a wetlands survey, may become a county wide project.

Town Board Report: Jeff Golden

- A third leach field for Newfield sewage system is needed. Present system is infiltrated and overloaded with wastewater. Near maximum capacity.
 - No consideration or discussion of installing a town waste treatment plant at this time.
 - Tom inquired as to whether an Environmental Protection Fund had a current program to replace old high water usage toilets with new water conserving models.
 - Two more USGS test wells are to be drilled for quality monitoring to understand the aquifer and potential for new wells.
 - New water meters can now identify excess water usage sources, affecting leach fields.
 - Road preservation fee structure not completed.
 - Discussion on procurement policy for employee purchases delayed.
- Discussion of whether to join the insurance consortium for Newfield Town employee health insurance.

Land Use Regulation Training August 20, 2014:

- Nancy will confirm with training presenters Eric Miller and Joan Jurkovich
- All Planning Board members are to review Action Step 1 in Plan and have questions regarding planning tools ready.
- René said “training” may not be required to be open but open should not be a problem. Public needs to be informed that this is a required training session for the board. Public may use the usual email links on the Planning Board web page to submit any questions to be answered at a later time.
- Board agreed to keep meeting open but not have privilege of the floor unless time allows
- Look online at Local Government training video, Department of State. “Locally Unwanted Land Uses”.

Community Organization Collaborative Meeting – Planning Update:

- Tuesday, **October 7, 2014** at Newfield Fire Hall, in lieu of regular Planning Board meeting.
- Planning Board has received 7 out of ~30 responses to invitations/surveys to date.
- Reminder postcard to return surveys to be mailed August 8, 2014.
- Reminder postcard for meeting to be mailed September 14, 2014.
- August 20, 2014, call service organizations who have not returned surveys.
- Three major group topics for breakout groups:
 - Cultural and Historical Resources
 - Natural Areas, Geology and Wildlife/ Ag and Forestry
 - Community Services
- René will review and compile survey results. Nancy will leave copies in town hall PB mail file.
- Facilitator teams:
 - Karen/Barb – Cultural and Historical Resources
 - Tom/René – Natural Areas, Geology and Wildlife/ Ag and Forestry
 - Nancy/? – Community Services
 - Jeff – Facilitator Engineer/gofer

Next Newfield Planning Board Meeting is a Board Training Session on Land Use Strategies, August 20, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Newfield Town Hall.

Regular bimonthly meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Motion to Adjourn: René

Second: Jeff

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08pm