

The Newfield Town Board met for a work session on May 14, 2014. Supervisor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Supervisor Jeff Hart, Councilperson Roy Trask, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. There were also 11 residents in attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of Moratorium on Construction and Operation of Commercial Solid Waste Management Facilities

Supervisor Hart stated that the letter and CD he had sent earlier and then sent again to the DEC had been received.

Supervisor Hart commented on a FOIL received by the Town concerning the negative declaration sent to the DEC last year. It was discovered the Town does not have a copy of the signed document. The consensus of the Board was to resend a copy of the document to the DEC with the Board members signatures by certified mail.

Response from USGS: forwarded date of the well samples from the Bishop and Fishkill wells. Councilperson Trask suggested the Board Members review the findings of the Moratorium in order to see what needed to be accomplished during the moratorium period. Councilperson James asked about the Aquifer Study, Core Samples and reports.

Butternut Drive Well waters flow to the Fishkill Aquifer. It is felt this is an unconfined aquifer. Councilperson James would like to have Mr. Koppell from the USGS come to explain things at the next work session on May 22, 2014.

CP James asked how many wells could be affected if the Fishkill aquifer were to become contaminated. There was discussion of the hours of operation, concerns of trucks running while waiting in the queue at the transfer station and the amount of trucks and trips expected per day, and proposed primary and alternative haul routes. Mr. Mente was present to answer questions from the Board.

Road conditions were also discussed concerning the Bishop Road area. Councilperson Laughlin referred to the Road Preservation Law in regards to bonds and permit fees required.

Supervisor Hart will contact Atty. Hooks for clarification concerning the specifications of the road conditions, repairs and repair responsibility.

Supervisor Hart asked if Mr. Mente had been approached to consider moving the garbage transfer station to a more acceptable area with the possibly of property tax abatements for a specified number of years? The Board felt the idea was intriguing; Supervisor Hart will approach Mr. Mente with this idea.

Planning Board Chairperson Nancy Dolge commented on Newfield's Sanitary Landfill Local Law No.2-1897. This will be checked into. This was tabled for further clarification.

Councilperson James suggested the Board, as a group go to the proposed transfer garbage site neighborhood as well drive the proposed haul routes. This work session is scheduled on

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Board Members and whoever would like to attend will meet at the Town Hall at 4:30 p.m.

Councilperson Powers felt there needed to be discussion concerning impact to the neighborhood in regards to: noise, light, truck traffic and devaluation of property.

Councilperson James asked about the fees from neighboring counties concerning fee schedules in regards to the Road Preservation Law. Supervisor Hart will contact and check with the Town of Berkshire then forward the information to the Board.

Planning Board Chair Nancy Dolge reported on the New York State Planning Federation Conference she attended in Saratoga NY. She attended presentations concerning SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) and Environmental Assessment. Mrs. Dolge came away feeling that the State assumes the Towns should be dealing with the local SEQR and Environmental Assessments, that local discretion was critical and that the State is looking for broader problems that could occur.

Gene VanZile asked that the Town gather information concerning intersection specifications. He did not feel the intersections in the proposed garbage transfer station area could handle the size trucks proposed to be coming to the transfer station. Councilperson Trask will look into the intersection specifications.

Councilperson Trask made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 21, 2014

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk