



# The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2015

New Fairfield Community Room

New Fairfield, CT 06812

#### Commissioners Present:

Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig  
Ms. Lisa Deldin  
Mr. Peter Greco  
Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke

Alternates Present: Mr. Ernie Lehman

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Cynthia Ross-Zweig at 7:31 pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Appointment of Alternates-** Peter Greco motioned to elevate Ernie Lehman to full member status for the purpose of tonight's meeting. Lisa Deldin seconded the motion.  
**Vote: 4-0-0 Motion approved unanimously**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**  
*September 28, 2015*

#### MOTION

Peter Greco motioned to approve Minutes of September 28, 2015 as presented. Lisa Deldin seconded the motion. Vote taken:

**5-0-0 Motion Approved**

*October 10, 2015 (site walk)*

#### MOTION

Lisa Deldin motioned to approve Minutes of October 10, 2015 as presented. Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke seconded the motion. Vote taken:

**4-0-1 Motion Approved**

## **5. Correspondence and Communication**

Ms. Ross-Zweig stated she had received correspondence regarding the lease and use of the municipally owned land, she asked the Commission if it would be acceptable to save until the New Business Portion of the Agenda. The Commission agreed.

## **6. Public Comment**

Thomas Riley, 40 Rita Drive spoke in opposition to the Sr. Housing Project. He asked the Commission to give careful thought to giving away town land when it might be needed in the future school expansion.

Mr. Scott DeBellis asked the commission to consider the residents in the general area of Rita Drive now and in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. New Fairfield Housing Trust Lease of municipally owned land for the purpose of constructing 30 affordable elderly rental housing units.**

Ms. Ross Zweig read a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Pinkington into the record. She also read letters from Mr. Dominick Ricci and Ms. Sleight into the record.

The Commission discussed the Housing Trust's request to lease the land.

Peter Greco expressed concern over allowing this because of the duration of the lease. He felt once the parcel was gone it was permanently gone.

Kirsten Bennet O'Rourke opposed the lease and cited several sections of the POCD. She felt the area might be usable for recreation that would benefit a greater cross section of residents.

Ernest Lehman felt the commission should send a positive referral because of several action items on the POCD.

Lisa Deldin stated her opposition to the lease for monetary reasons and the possible future needs of the town.

Cynthia Ross-Zweig thanked the Commission for their diligence in attending meetings dealing with the issue and she felt that future school needs might be forthcoming and the parcel might be used for that.

## **MOTION**

Peter Greco motioned to send a negative referral to the BOS regarding the proposed lease. Motion seconded by Lisa Deldin. Vote taken.

4-1-0 Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Lyn Sheaffer  
Planning Commission Secretary