



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2015

New Fairfield Community Room

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Commissioners Present:

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

Alternates Present: Mr. Ernie Lehman

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Cynthia Ross-Zweig at 7:33 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. Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0-0 Motion approved unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

July 28, 2015

MOTION

Peter Greco motioned to approve Minutes of July 28, 2015. Paul Bruno seconded the motion. Vote taken:
5-0-0 Motion Approved Unanimously

5. Correspondence and Communication

Ms. Ross-Zweig read an email from First Selectman requesting to be placed on the agenda for the September regular meeting.

Ms. Ross-Zweig reviewed the invoice from Halloran & Sage LLP for \$388.50

\$ 27.00 Phone Conversation w/ Chair 3/27/15

\$351.50 Attended Public Hearing 4/27/15.

She reviewed the breakdown of items.

MOTION

Mr. Lehman motioned to approve payment of invoice. Mr. Greco seconded the motion.

5-0-0 Motion Approved Unanimously.

6. Public Comment

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION – Solar Energy Installation by Board of Education

Ms. Ross-Zweig reported she attended the August Board of Education meeting and they discussed adding solar panels to Meeting House Hill School. As of now the Planning Commission has not received any correspondence on the project. She felt it was a Municipal building, and reviewed State Statute 8-24. Ms. Ross-Zweig read the statute into the record. Ms. Ross-Zweig spoke with Atty. Slater and he felt it fell under leased equipment.

The Commission discussed what their role in this would be.

Ms. Bennett-O'Rourke felt it was beyond the scope of the Planning Commission. Ms. Ross-Zweig felt that wasn't clear until we see the plans. Mr. Bruno was concerned a precedent would be set, and it should be part of the process. Ms. Ross-Zweig will send an email reminding the Board of Education the statute.

2. DISCUSSION – Review of Yearly Commission goals as outlined in the POCD

Ms. Ross-Zweig the state statute calls for planning to review yearly Commission goals and ask if they were met, changed or extended. She explained she spoke with Attorney Slater and asked for an idea if other CT Towns in the area were already in the process of writing a letter. The POCD can be updated with the state regularly, we don't have to wait 10 years.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Ross Zweig reviewed a brochure received from the CT Conference on Municipalities in October. Brochure is available if any of the Commission members are interested.

Adjournment

Peter Greco motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ernie Lehman seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0 Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lyn Sheaffer

Planning Commission Secretary