

# The Planning Commission

# Town of New Fairfield New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

# MINUTES

Regular Meeting Monday, February 25, 2013 Community Room at 33 Route 37 New Fairfield, CT 06812

**Commissioners Present:** 

Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair Mr. Mike Daood, Vice Chair

Ms. Lisa Deldin Mr. Robert Murtha

**Commissioners Absent:** 

Mr. Paul Bruno

**Alternates Present:** 

Mr. Peter Greco

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Ms. Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke

**Guests Present:** 

Attorney Richard Smith

Joseph Coniglio

**Town Officials Present:** 

None

Call to Order:

7:33 pm

# Pledge of Allegiance

# **Elevation of Alternates**

Lisa Deldin made a motion to elevate Peter Greco to a full member for the purpose of tonight's meeting. Mike Daood seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

#### **Approval of Minutes**

<u>January 29, 2013</u>- Lisa Deldin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2013 special meeting as presented. Peter Greco seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Motion approved- Mike Daood abstained)

# **Correspondence and Announcements**

Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig noted that she received notification as a courtesy from Sherman that they were revising their Zoning Regulations.

# Public Comment- None

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development

Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig spoke of notification that she received from the Finance Dept and the First Selectman that money for the POCD is not available in this budget year. As a result, the consultants (Milone and MacBroom) have been asked to continue their work through February and attend the March Planning Commission meeting as scheduled and then not resume work any work reading the POCD until July. There was a discussion among the commission regarding how this would affect the POCD and what can be done to remedy the situation.

Vice Chairman Mike Daood noted that he spoke with First Selectman Hodge regarding the contract and noted that the consultants were confident that the POCD can be done within the necessary time frame. It was decided that Cynthia Ross-Zweig will try to set up a meeting with the First Selectman and the Finance Director to discuss options for the POCD.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Land Swap between 224 and 226 Pine Hill Road

Attorney Richard Smith spoke on behalf of residents Joseph Coniglio (224 Pine Hill Road) and John Chamorus (226 Pine Hill Road). A septic tank for 224 Pine Hill Road was put in on the neighbor's property at 226 Pine Hill Road. As a result, the residents would like to do a land swap. Mr. Smith noted that both residents are agreeable to this arrangement. Mike Daood noted that he checked with Land Use Attorney Jim Strub regarding this and noted that this situation is usually not a problem as long as the land swap doesn't affect the ability to subdivide.

Mike Daood made a motion to approve and have the Chairman sign the Mylar related to the equal land swap between 224 and 226 Pine Hill Road. Bob Murtha seconded the motion.

Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of current year remaining budget

Mike Daood read an e-mail sent to all boards, commissions and town departments regarding the budget for the current year (2012-2013). Due to the tight budget for this year, the First Selectman and the Finance Director have asked all boards, commissions and town departments to have all expenditures approved by them ahead of time. The exception of this would be salary lines. The commission briefly discussed this and noted that all expenditures especially calls to attorneys must go through the Planning Commission Chairman.

# STANDING ITEMS

Review of potential update of POCD phased timeline

This will be discussed at a future meeting as soon as the budget for the POCD is determined.

Adjournment - Lisa Deldin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Bob Murtha seconded the motion.

Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted, Surprise Kloss

Received for Record.

Janice D. Zackeo, Town Clerk, New Fairfield, C

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