



# The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield

New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

## MINUTES

### Special Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Town Hall Conference Room

New Fairfield, CT 06812

**Commissioners Present:** Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair  
Ms. Lisa Deldin  
Mr. Robert Murtha

**Commissioners Absent:** Mr. Paul Bruno  
Mr. Peter Greco

**Alternates Present:** Ms. Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke

**Alternates Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** None

**Town Officials Present:** None

**Call to Order** 7:43 pm

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Elevation of Alternates**

Lisa Deldin made a motion to elevate Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke as a full voting member for the purpose of tonight's meeting. Bob Murtha seconded the motion.

**Vote 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Correspondence and Announcements**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion of the POCD and questionnaire for residents**

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the proposed survey designed by the consultants Milone and MacBroom for residents regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development. This survey will be available to residents via "Survey Monkey". Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig will check

with the consultants to see about the possibility of paper copies of the survey for residents without computer access.

Specific questions for this survey include demographics such as age and education of residents and the number of years lived in New Fairfield. The survey will ask residents about their employment and commute to work. Residents will be asked about organizations that they are involved in and what first brought them to New Fairfield. There will be a section for full-time and seasonal residents.

There was a discussion among the commission members on how they can best “market” New Fairfield and what would attract residents. Specific suggestions for New Fairfield included a Recreation Center, more restaurants and possibly a farmer’ market. There was a brief discussion of technology in the community and the economic development of New Fairfield.

There will be a Public Hearing on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm for residents to voice their opinions regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development. A postcard will be sent to residents informing them of the Public Hearing and encouraging them to take the survey via Survey Monkey. Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig will check into the venue for this meeting.

**Adjournment** – Lisa Deldin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Kirsten Bennett-O’Rourke seconded the motion.

**Vote 4-0-0 (Motion approved)**