



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield

New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

MINUTES

Public Workshop

New Fairfield Plan of Conservation and Development Update

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Community Room at 33 Route 37

7:00pm

- Commissioners Present:** Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair
Ms. Lisa Deldin, Vice Chair
Mr. Peter Greco
- Commissioners Absent:** Mr. Paul Bruno
Ms. Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke
- Alternates Present:** Mr. Ernie Lehman
- Alternates Absent:** None
- Guests Present:** Mr. Michael Looney, Milone and MacBroom
Ms. Carly Myers, Milone and MacBroom
Approximately 30 members of the public
- Town Officials Present:** First Selectman Susan Chapman
Selectman Mike Gill
Selectman Kim Hanson

Call to Order: Consultant Mike Looney from the firm of Milone and MacBroom welcomed everyone to the Public Workshop and gave an outline of the agenda. Approximately 30 members of the public were in attendance. The purpose of this workshop was to get feedback from the community regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development. A previous workshop was held on October 5th. Mr. Looney gave a review of the results of that workshop. An online survey is also available so that members of the community can give feedback. This survey will be available online for another week. Hard copies of the surveys are available at New Fairfield Library or the Senior Center. A Power Point presentation was shown that will be on the town's website by December 4th.

Mr. Looney spoke of six separate categories regarding plans for the town and data collected regarding each of these topics. After each presentation, members of the public were given the opportunity to give comments and ask questions. The topics discussed were Demographics and Housing, Economic Development, Natural Resources (Open Space, Recreation and Agriculture), Community Facilities and Infrastructure, Sustainability and Future Land Use Plan.

The next step in the process is to review feedback from tonight's Public Hearing and the survey. A draft of the Plan of Conservation and Development is expected to be completed by mid to late January. The Planning Commission will review the draft document. Another Public Hearing will be held in March and it is hopeful that the Plan of Conservation and Development will be adopted in early spring.

Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig thanked the consultants from Milone and MacBroom as well as the members of the public that attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.