



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield

New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2011

Town Hall Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Mrs. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair
Mr. Mike Daood, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Bruno
Mr. Robert Murtha
Mr. Greg Porpora
Guests: Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke
Peter Greco

Commissioners Absent: None

Alternates Present: None

Alternates Absent: Mr. Chris Gould
Mrs. Donna Byers

Town Officials Present: None

Call to Order: 7:31 pm

Elevation of Alternates: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

July 25, 2011- Mike Daood made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2011 meeting as presented. Bob Murtha seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Motion approved- Greg Porpora abstained)

Correspondence and Announcements

Cynthia Ross-Zweig noted that there was an application received by the Inland/Wetlands Commission from a firm called Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. from Shelton, CT. The Planning Commission received a courtesy copy of this for their files.

Cynthia Ross-Zweig noted that they received a referral from the Zoning Commission regarding a petition to change the Zoning Regulations from Residence R-44 District, 1-Acre Zone to LI-Light Industrial District. This was received on September 26, 2011 and will be acted on at the next Planning Commission meeting on October 24th.

Public comment- None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of revision of state statutes regarding extensions of subdivisions

Cynthia Ross-Zweig noted that there was a revision of state statutes regarding extensions of subdivisions. This was Public Act No. 11-5 approved on May 9, 2011. It was decided that the commission members will read this act and bring a list of questions and concerns to the next meeting.

STANDING ITEMS

Plan of Conservation and Development

There was a discussion among the board members regarding the need for more feedback from the public for the Plan of Conservation and Development. It was suggested that Commissioner Paul Bruno put an article in the *Citizen News* informing the public of feedback that was received so far in the hopes of getting additional feedback. It is hopeful that this article will be in the October 5th edition of the *Citizen News*. The members of the commission each gave their priorities for the Plan of Conservation and Development.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Discussion of letter sent to BOS regarding budget for Plan of Conservation and Development

Cynthia Ross-Zweig read a letter that she sent on behalf of the commission to the Board of Selectmen asking to use budget surplus funds from 2010/2011 for the consultant for the Plan of Conservation and Development. It was noted that the cost of a consultant would be approximately \$60,000 but could be spread over two years. Mrs. Zweig noted that she will follow up with First Selectman John Hodge regarding this.

Discussion of Alternate Position on Planning Commission

Kirsten Bennett-O'Rourke and Peter Greco attended the meeting and expressed a possible interest in the vacant alternate position. There was a discussion of the positions that will be open now and after the November election. The members of the board thanked them both for coming.

Adjourn – Bob Murtha made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Paul Bruno seconded the motion. **Vote 5-0-0. (Motion approved)**