



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield

New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2010
Town Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Mike Daood, Chair, Greg Porpora, Vice-Chair,
Paul Bruno, Bob Murtha

Commissioners Absent: Cynthia Ross-Zweig

Alternates Present: None

Alternates Absent: Donna Byers, Chris Gould

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes to the May 24, 2010 meeting could not be approved due to lack of representation.

Mike Daood made a motion to approve the Minutes to the June 28th Meeting as drafted, 2nd by Bob Murtha. Vote 3-0-1.

Correspondence/Announcements - None

Public Comment – None

NEW BUSINESS

Lot Line Revisions - Mike Daood spoke with Ray Lubus, Attorney, and Jack Keating, Attorney, regarding the need for the Planning Commission to approve lot line revisions. It was suggested by Attorney Ray Lubus, Attorney Keating and Maria Horowitz, Zoning Officer, that we do not as a Planning Commission need to handle those situations any longer. In most municipalities lot line revisions are handled by the Zoning Enforcement Office if they meet the criteria of the zone.

Mike Daood also read a letter from Jack Keating stating the above. This change is effective immediately. Any lot line revisions would go through the Zoning Board, unless a new lot is created or further guidance is requested from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Commission Attendance - Mike Daood will draft a letter to the Commission regarding the expectation of communication with Diane, Secretary, in terms of following up on attendance and meetings. This is one thing we all can do to help assure that we understand in advance if we are going to have a quorum. The goal is to ensure the Commission runs efficiently. Following this statement, there was discussion regarding Alternates. We presently have an open Alternates slot, and Mike Daood requested if any members of the Commission know of interested candidates to please have them contact Mike.

Discussion on the Plan of Conservation and Development

Mike Daood stated our deadline for the Plan of Conversation and Development is end of year 2014, according to consultant, Chris Wood, who visited with us last month. The Commission discussed the process and it was determined that it may be early to start the detailed work surrounding the updated of the present POCD. Qualified consultants will continue to be interviewed and presented to the commission. Mike also found The Sherman Plan of Conversation and Development Survey found on the Sherman website, is a possible example for our town to follow. It is a comprehensive survey – all done on-line. There was further discussion regarding cost of a Consultant, interviewing more consultants, drawings, maps, timeframe, surveys, etc. in compiling this Plan. The Committee discussed reviewing the “Blue Pages” of the Plan and updating them soon if appropriate.

Adjourn

Mike Daood made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. 2nd by Bob Murtha. Vote 4-0-0.