



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield

New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

Meeting
Monday, June 28, 2010
Town Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

- Commissioners Present:** Mike Daood, Chair, Paul Bruno, Robert Murtha,
Cynthia Ross-Zweig
- Commissioners Absent:** Greg Porpora, Vice-Chair
- Alternates Present:** None
- Alternates Absent:** Donna Byers, Chris Gould
- Town Officials Present:** Mr. John Hodge, Selectman
- Call to Order:** 7:32 pm

Approval of Minutes

Mike Daood made a motion to delay the Minutes to the May 24, 2010 until next month, since Greg Porpora and Donna Byers were not here to approve these minutes. Robert Murtha made a motion to approve the Minutes to the June 1, 2010 Special Meeting as presented, 2nd by Paul Bruno. Vote 4-0.

Correspondence/Announcements

Mike Daood covered the details of a letter from CT/DEP, Denise Ruzicka, Director, Inland Water Resources Division regarding the minor grading for beaches of inland state parks.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a positive referral for the Planning Commission to be an allied supporter of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative (CWI). Jim McAlister, Chair, Candlewood Watershed Initiative (CWI) spoke about asking the Planning Commission for our Allied Support for this project. John Hodge was asked for his endorsement to allow a Town board to become an Allied Supporter and he gave his approval assuming it meet with the approval of the Commission and was in line with the Plan of Conservation and Development. Jim explained that the CWI is a New Fairfield-based volunteer team of residents and environmental pros concerned about water quality or our major water bodies and feeder streams and the overall health of the Watershed. The CWI has worked with CLA and have launched a highly successful programs and projects over the past 2-3 years designated to make a difference.

Their next pollution prevention effort is termed the Storm Drain Marking and Education Program and is planned for a phased launch in mid-July. Their target is the entire western flank of the Watershed where we plan to conduct a resident education campaign and to physically affix markets to select storm drains reminding residents not to pollute. The program relies on volunteers and is self-funding by the communities involved. The Towns of New Fairfield and Sherman are both on board along with some other 15 +/- private communities located adjacent to Candlewood Lake, Squantz Pond and Ball Ponds.

Accordingly, they have approached a wide range of organizations to join them in making a public statement about the importance of protecting our strategic water resources from polluted runoff. They now have some 30-40 entities signed on as one of the three classifications: Founding Sponsors, Co-Sponsors, and now Allied Supporters.

Their plan is to mount a series of communications over the next coming weeks (i.e., articles and ads, Citizen News). He asked the Planning Commission if we would like to be listed among the Allied Supporters, along with other municipal departments and commissions, i.e, Health, Public Works, etc. There are no requirements or obligations – just urging residents to be alert to the issue of polluted runoff and take needed actions to curb such in the name of water quality.

Bob Murtha made a motion to grant a positive referral for the Planning Commission to be an Allied Supporter of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative (CWI), 2nd by Cythinia Ross-Zweig, Vote 4-0.

Request for a bond reduction and adjustment for Wild Turkey Estates, Jacques Proteau, applicant. Mike Daood received and read a letter from Tony Iadorola, Town Engineer, dated June 27, 2010, stating that he cannot recommend reduction of bond for the simple purpose that a considerable amount of work still needs to be done and the work that was performed Tony was never called to inspect. Tony would be willing to meet with the developer to discuss this issue and provide some guidance on the minimum

work that would have been performed and inspected in order for him to be comfortable in reducing the bond.

Paul Bruno made a motion to grant a request for bond reduction and adjustment for Wild Turkey Estates, no seconded. Request for bond reduction and adjustment for Wild Turkey Estates denied due to lack of second.

Request a positive referral for BOS to accept High Winds Road as a Town Road, Steve Rogers, Somers Development, Representative. Mr. Steve Rogers, Somers Development, was present and discussed recommending this road to be accepted by the Town of New Fairfield, because all of the pins and monuments have been installed. An as-built has been also prepared and is acceptable. A letter from Tony Iadorola was also read by Mike Daood which recommended acceptance of the road.

Mike Daood made a motion to grant a positive referral for BOS to accept High Winds Road as a Town Road, Bob Murtha 2nd, Vote 4-0.

Discussion on the Plan of Conservation and Development

Update from Milestone Committee

Discussion on when the Planning Commission would visit other boards and commissions. Also discussion on rewriting/updating manual.

Mike Daood advised the board he spoke with Chris Wood who is an independent consultant who is willing to come and present details of the process to updated the Plan of Conservation and Development during our next meeting (July).

Mike Daood let the committee know a state amendment was passed allowing an additional year to update the Plan of Conservation and Development (ours will now be due in 2014)

Adjourn

Bob Murtha made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm, 2nd by Paul Bruno, vote 4-0.