



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield
New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2009
Senior Center

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Susan Chapman, Chair, Mike Daood, Vice Chair, and Bob Murtha

Commissioners Absent: Paul Bruno and Roger Wise

Alternates Present: Gregory Porpora

Alternates Absent:

Call to Order: 7:30pm

Elevation of Alternates:

Approval of Minutes

Mike Daood made a motion to approve the Minutes to the February 23, 2009 meeting, 2nd by Bob Murtha Vote 3-0.

Correspondence/Announcements

Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion with HVCEO on the Regional Plan of Development

A power point presentation of HVCEO's Regional Plan was given by Jonathan Chew. You can visit them on the web at www.HVCEO.org. Topics discussed were sewers, environmental sensitivity, median income, housing, water supply/watershed and Open Space. Other Towns' C & D Plans were discussed and how they relate to us. When we consult with a planner to finish our C & D Plan, that planner should be exchanging materials and information with Jonathan Chew. There may be STEAP Grants available to help with the cost of updating the C&D Plan. The State Plan is 4 years old and they

redo their plan every 5 years. HVCEO will have their Regional Plan completed by May or June of this year. They try to incorporate the State's Plan in with their plan. Interstate 84 will eventually become 6 lanes and there is a possibility that tolls will be implemented. The exit 5 ramp will be extended.

Some suggestions HVCEO has for New Fairfield are to keep sewers to a minimal, implement a scenic road ordinance, and implement an aquifer protection ordinance. We should also include a map outlining desirable open space. HVCEO is checking into the cost of an electric sign showing a vehicle's rate of speed for Gillotti Road, noting it would be up to the Town to pay for it.

Discussion with New Fairfield Land Trust

Bill McKeon with the New Fairfield Land Trust outlined what properties they have and which properties are desirable open space. The Commission will ask HVCEO if a copy of the Land Trust's map is available. Properties that have desirable open space are Vaughn's Neck, CCNF Land on Short Woods Road, as well as the Roland, Paez, Loken and Day properties off of Pine Hill Road. The Trost property is now a part of Pootatuck State Park.

Adjourn

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, 2nd by Mike Daood vote 3-0.