



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield

New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

Planning Commission Town of New Fairfield

Regular Meeting – Minutes

Monday, July 24 2023 @ 7:30pm

Community Room @ 33 Route 37

New Fairfield Conference Room

New Fairfield CT

Commissioners: Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair (late arrival)
Mr. Cory Neumann, Vice Chair/Secretary
Mr. Ernie Lehman
Mr. Jeff Morrell
Ms. Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke

Alternates: Mr. Dylan White

Alternates Absent: Ms. Olivia Micca

Guests: Ms. Kris Hall
Mr. Evan White
Ms. Anita Brown
Mr. Glen Chalder

Call to Order: 7:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Morrell made a motion to elevate Dylan White to a voting member, Ms. Bennett O'Rourke seconded. **(4-0-0) Motion Approved**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting – Ms. Bennett O'Rourke made a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Lehman seconded the motion. **(5-0-0) Motion approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Budget was reviewed from last fiscal year and there was a surplus of \$4,487.86.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anita Brown gave updated Planning with a brief annual report, and provide survey results along with housing information that was shared at our forum. Ms. Brown brought in Joslynn, the Director of the Litchfield County center for housing opportunity. Joslynn has worked with many small towns of similar characteristics. Joslynn knows Glenn Chadler well as she has worked with him many times before and said this is a good opportunity to work together for the benefit of the POCD. Joslynn shared New Fairfield's recent statistics of what how many people in New Fairfield would qualify for affordable housing and the amount of affordable housing units we have. Currently, there are 66 affordable housing opportunities in town in which 47 of those are Government assisted loans. Additionally, 1,400 people would qualify for affordable housing in town. The housing commission told us they have not identified any potential properties as their job is to come up with a plan. They intend to have a plan in place for the town by the fall.

Glenn Chalder

- **Mr. Chalder reviewed with us a proposed schedule of events through February. There will be two workshop sessions the fall to include other town boards/committees. After discussion and review all commissioners agreed to the schedule.**
- **Mr. Chalder reviewed the Draft Survey – a first shot at some questions for an on-line survey that will be deployed in August / September. Minor changes were recommended and Mr. Morrell recommended a question be added.**
- **Conditions and Trends, this item was pushed to the next meeting with Mr. Chalder**

OLD BUSINESS

Update on appointment of alternate – Mr. Gary Reetz

Mr. Reetz was on vacation and will be in attendance at our next meeting.

STANDING ITEMS

Subdivision Log

Ms. Bennett O'Rourke provided everyone with an update on the subdivision log and provided a printed copy with an update on all three projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bennett O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Mr. Morrell seconded the motion. (6-0-0) **All in favor**

Enclosure