



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield
New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

Regular Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Monday, January 27, 2020

New Fairfield Town Hall Conference Room

3 Brush Hill Rd, New Fairfield, CT 06812

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair

Mr. Patrick Hearty, Vice Chair

Mr. Jeff Morrell

Mrs. Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke

Commissioners Absent:

Mr. Cory Neumann

Alternates Present:

Mr. Keith Landa

Mr. Patrick Callahan

Alternates Absent:

Mr. George F Martignetti

Guests Present:

Town Officials Present:

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointment of Alternates

Patrick Hearty motioned to elevate Keith Landa to full voting member. Jeff Morrell seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of December 16th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Patrick Hearty motioned to approve the December 16th meeting minutes. Keith Landa seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Correspondence/Announcements

Kinder Morgan Pipeline Safety Information – Cynthia Ross-Zweig advised the board received an informational brochure about the line that runs through Danbury and passed around for board members to review.

Memo from Mike Gill – Quail Ridge Subdivision – Cynthia Ross-Zweig advised the board that the memo states the Fire Department tested the water supply for Quail Ridge and found it to be in working order. Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke will update subdivision log with the information.

Memo from Accounts Payable – Cynthia Ross-Zweig advised the board that there are new codes to input on invoices before they are submitted for approval. Second memo states the Planning Commission budget balance is \$4,416.41.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Cynthia Ross-Zweig advised the budget for next year was submitted with an additional \$3,000 for the expanded lighting study and possible walking path. Total budget submitted was for \$5,953.00.

The board discussed options for a walking path and ways to initiate continuous improvements to the town. Patrick Hearty stated the board should determine a location that would be realistic and affordable for the community as a next step. Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke suggests working with The Friends of Ball pond as an option. Jeff Morrell suggested connecting the boy scout path with a new walking path. Several town locations were discussed as well as possibilities to tie in the walking path with the lighting study. Patrick Callahan stated he will follow up with selectman to see if there are any current requests for walking paths and where they stand. Patrick Hearty offers to attend with him.

Addition to the Agenda

Patrick Hearty motioned to add a new item "Town Park" to the agenda. Keith Landa seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Town Park – Jeff Morrell asks if there's anything that the planning commission can do to help move something forward as far as a study about what residents would like to see at the town beach/ town park area. Discussion about having a building or clubhouse with a room available for residents to rent for parties, as well as offices for the Park and Rec department. Cynthia Ross-Zweig advised that the board could go to the Park and Rec and selectman to initiate some discussion about a Town Park Expansion. Jeff Morrell and Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke to partner on this opportunity.

Lighting Study

Patrick Hearty advised he was expecting a bid from Jane Didona in the next couple days for two or possibly three light fixtures like the town fixtures already in use.

Subdivision Update

Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke advised she received the subdivision log.

Adjournment 8:20pm

Patrick Hearty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

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at 1:32 p.m. and recorded by


Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield, CT