



# The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield  
New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Monday, September 23, 2019

New Fairfield Town Hall Conference Room

3 Brush Hill Rd, New Fairfield, CT 06812

### Commissioners Present:

Ms. Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Chair

Mr. Ernie Lehman, Vice Chair

Mrs. Carolyn Rowan

Mr. Patrick Hearty

### Commissioners Absent:

Mr. Cory Neumann

### Alternates Present:

Mr. Greg Williams

Mr. Jeff Morrell

### Alternates Absent:

Mr. George Martignetti

### Guests Present:

Mr. Wayne Skelly

Mr. Bill DiTullio

### Town Officials Present:

## **Call to Order: 7:30 PM**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Addition to Agenda**

Carolyn Rowan makes a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion for a potential bond reduction for Barn Brook, Elwell Rd. Ernie Lehman seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

### **Appointment of Alternates**

Ernie Lehman motioned to elevate Jeff Morrell and Greg Williams to full voting member. Carolyn Rowan seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

### **Approval of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes**

Ernie Lehman motioned to approve the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with revisions. Jeff Morrell seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-2 (Motion approved) (Carolyn Rowan and Greg Williams abstained)

### **Approval of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Ernie Lehman motioned to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Greg Williams seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

### **Correspondence/Announcements**

Cynthia advises that the commission sought council from Attorney Slater on 8/30/2019 regarding the timing of an 8-24 referral and a town referendum. She further advises that Attorney Slater represents the Planning Commission of the town of New Fairfield, under contract. The correspondence was provided and reviewed. Cynthia reminds the commission that the role of the Planning Commission is to protect the town and act in the best interest of the town. Ernie believes the pending vote on the school building project is for an appropriation. Per Attorney Slater's note, the statute does provide that the municipality may take final action approving an appropriation for proposal prior to referral to the commission. Ernie asks Cynthia what her action is going to be. Cynthia states she's going to forward the correspondence to the Selectman's office for their review.

### **Public Comment**

None

Greg Williams steps down as an elevated member upon Patrick Hearty's arrival.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Revision to the site plan on Elwell Rd – Plantings for the lower drainage area**

Ernie Lehman motioned to approve changes in the site plan for Elwell Rd pending receipt of the revised site plans. Carolyn Rowan seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

#### **Second Bond Reduction, Barn Brook II, Elwell Road Public Improvements Portion**

Ernie Lehman motioned to recommend a bond reduction of \$76,547.50 regarding final paving and repairs to phase I and phase II of Elwell Rd. Jeff Morrell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

### **Standing Items**

#### **Subdivision update:**

Carolyn Rowan has nothing new report. She is still unable to reach Joe Reilly, Quail Ridge. Jeff Morrell will help locate contact information for Mr. Reilly.

#### **Lighting study update:**

Patrick advised study will be kept to Library, Town Hall, and Memorial Field. Cynthia advises next step would be reach out to Patty Mota, purchasing agent for the Town of New Fairfield, to put the notice in the paper that we are looking for bids.

### **Adjournment 8:36pm**

Ernie Lehman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Carolyn Rowan seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

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