



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield
New Fairfield, Connecticut 06812

Regular Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Monday, August 26, 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. Cory Neumann

Commissioners Absent:

Mr. Patrick Hearty

Alternates Present:

Mr. George Martignetti

Mr. Greg Williams

Alternates Absent:

Mr. Jeff Morrell

Guests Present:

Town Officials Present:

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Addition to Agenda

Carolyn made a motion to add a new item under new business to discuss Cynthia's letter to First Selectman Pat Del Monaco regarding 8-24 statutes. Cory seconded the motion. Vote 3-1-0 (Motion denied)

Appointment of Alternates:

Cory motioned to elevate Gregg Williams to full voting member. Ernie seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of June 24th Minutes

Ernie motioned to approve the June 24th minutes with addition of sentence on third page and correction of Carolyn's misspelled name on third page. Carolyn seconded the motion. 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of August 5th, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Ernie states Commission cannot act on those minutes because Jeff is absent. Ernie motioned that approval be moved to September meeting. Cynthia seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Correspondence/Announcements

Cynthia advises we have not received any correspondence from any party. Cynthia states that on the advice of counsel at the special meeting a gentle reminder was sent to town officials that before anything goes for a town referendum that has to do with buildings, roads, bridges, tunnels, ball fields, schools, leases etc., that it requires an 8-24 referral by the Commission. Carolyn states that her understanding from the towns lawyer is that an 8-24 referral would come after a town referendum. The Commission will follow up with Attorney Slater for confirmation on the timing of 8-24 referrals and town referendums.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Lighting Study – Cynthia recommends a committee with Greg and Patrick for the lighting study.

New Business

Special Meeting with Attorney Slater - Cynthia and Ernie both state the meeting was very beneficial. Ernie suggests requesting another meeting after the next election.

Standing Items

Subdivision update: Carolyn states that Barn Brook estates would like to get on September agenda because they would like to have a phase one bond reduction. Cynthia states he needs to send the request in writing to the commission and follow protocol.

Carolyn states that she needs another contact for the other open subdivision, Quail Ridge, on Shortwoods road.

Adjournment 8:34pm

Ernie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Carolyn seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

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