



The Planning Commission

Town of New Fairfield
New Fairfield, CT 06812

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 25, 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
Mr. Cory Neumann
Ms. Kirsten Bennett O'Rourke

Alternates Present:

Mr. Keith Landa
Mr. Patrick Callahan

Alternates Absent:

Mr. George F. Martignetti

Guests Present:

Town Officials Present:

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Cynthia Ross-Zweig at 7:30 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Appointment of Alternates:** None required.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Jeff Morrell motioned to approve the January 27th minutes. Kirsten Bennett seconded the motion. Cory Neumann abstained. Vote 5-0-1 (Motion approved)

5. Correspondence /Announcement:

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Park and Rec Goals**

Keith Landa attended the February 10th, 2020 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Landa reported that discussion was had at the Parks and Recreation meeting regarding the town beach snack shack and possible creation of a pavilion at the town park. Mr. Landa advised the Parks and Rec. to refer to the Plan of Conservation and Development to take into consideration the Commission's previously stated goals under the POCD. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation is on March 9th and will be held at the Town Beach. Mr. Landa encouraged the Planning Commission members to attend.

- **Town Beach**

A discussion was had regarding the Planning Commission's interest in making the Town Beach a more utilized resource. Discussion was had regarding why it is under utilized, what the public concerns are, how the beach can be more viable and well attended. The possibility of conducting a survey was discussed. The snack shack and the possibility of approaching local restaurants was discussed. Members of the Commission stated their intent to attend the March 9th meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission.

- **Discussion on Walking Path**

Commissioners Hearty and Callahan advised that they had walked the area behind the library and north to the senior center. The Commission discussed the benefits of having a paved walking path in this area for the public to enjoy. Mr. Hearty and Callahan noted that an impediment to building a path in this area remains that a portion of the land is privately held. Discussion was had regarding coordinating with the First Selectman's office to approach the owner of this property.

STANDING ITEMS

- **Lighting Study Update**

Mr. Hearty informed the board that he continues to work with Jane Didona regarding this project. The lighting proposal was delayed as the proposed engineer was too expensive. Keith Landa asked if we could look into using lighting fixtures that would have a minimal environmental impact. Discussion was had with respect to whether existing CL&P poles could have lights mounted on the poles.

- **Subdivision Update**

Kirsten Bennett reported that she spoke to Joe Reilly, owner of Spruce Ridge Craftsmen, Inc., regarding the Spruce Ridge subdivision. Mr. Reilly indicated that there continues to be a bond out for the common driveway. He expects driveway to be completed by Spring.

MISC

Cory Neumann informed the Commission that he is attending the WestCog (Western CT Council of Governments) meeting on Thursday. WestCog is in the process of issuing the Danbury/ New Fairfield Corridor Study. If the Commissioners have any questions or items they would like brought to the attention of the council, they are to let Cory know prior to Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Neumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm.

Vote taken:

5-0-0 **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned approximately 8:16 p.m.

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by Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield