

NEWFA NE PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Draft Until Approved by Planning Commission

Meeting Location: Newfane Town Hall

Meeting Date: September 22, 2014

Attendees: George Friend, Tristam Johnson, Pat Weisbrich

Absent: Ed Druke

DRB Attendees: None

Zoning Admin.: None

Public Attendees: Gary Delius

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ACTIONS

- I. Meeting called to order: 7:03 p.m. Attendees as noted above.

- II. Review and Approve Minutes:
 - a. Minutes from the Planning Commission meeting on September 8, 2014 were reviewed. George asked about the definition of *Conditional Use* as noted in the minutes. There was a brief discussion regarding the process used to create the definition. Definitions from other towns were considered. Subsequently a motion for approval was made by Pat and seconded George. Minutes were approved 2:0 with one abstention (George was absent from 9/8 meeting). **It was determined that the 9/8/2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes could not be approved by this vote. A new vote was taken on October 27, 2014. The 9/8/14 Meeting Minutes were approved at that time. (See October 27, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.)**

- III. Review Agenda and approve the agenda
 - a. Motion was made to approve, seconded and passed unanimously.

- IV. Recognize members of the public: Gary Delius

Gary Delius expressed interest in becoming a member of the Planning Commission (PC). Gary, who with his partner, owns and operates 51 West Street as a Bed and Breakfast. They moved to Newfane one year ago after living in Provincetown, MA for 10 years. Gary believes if one is to live in a small town, one should get involved in the local government. During his time in Provincetown, Gary was involved in the Board of Health, the Finance Commission as well as Planning and Administration. As a result, Gary would like to be able to invest his time in the Newfane Planning Commission.

Gary also spoke of the work of the group, Newfane Anew. As a new Newfane resident and a businessman, he has given his support of their initiatives, particularly securing the **Village** designation for the villages of Newfane, South Newfane and Williamsville. He mentioned the involvement of Windham Regional Commission in pushing this initiative forward.

Tristam took a few minutes to describe the work of the PC during the last year.

1. The PC work has focused on editing and correcting ambiguities in the Zoning By-Laws.
2. With the completion of that task, the PC is looking forward to facilitating community participation in the creation of a new Town Plan.

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Tristram also updated Gary on the status of Newfane Anew (NA). Though the goals of NA are generally supported by the PC, NA is small group of individuals who have a narrow focus apart from the general public. The PC envisions a more inclusive process as the Town moves toward securing the **Village** designation for the Town's villages

Old Business

V. Address attendees wishing to interview for the Secretary position: No interested parties were present.

New Business

VI. Notes and Communications from the Selectboard - None

VII. Next meeting: Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7 p.m., at the Newfane Town Hall.

VIII. Move to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Weisbrich

Patricia H. Weisbrich