

# NEWFANE PLANNING COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Location:** Newfane Town Hall

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2015

**Attendees:** Gary Delius, George Friend, Tristam Johnson, Pat Weisbrich

**Absent:** **DRB Attendees:** None

**Zoning Admin.:** None **Public Attendees:** Mike Granger

### DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ACTIONS

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Attendees as noted above.
- II. Review and Approve Minutes for 1/26, 2/10 and 2/24:
  - a. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by George to approve the minutes of 2/10/2015. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Review Agenda and approve the agenda:
  - a. A motion was made by George and seconded by Gary to modify the agenda. Since there were no meetings on 1/26 and 2/24, the agenda was modified to reflect this. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Recognize members of the public: Mike Granger
  - a. Mike gave kudos to Tristam for an excellent presentation on behalf of the Planning Commission. It inspired him to come to the meeting.
  - b. Mike had several ideas regarding the solicitation of public input into the Town Plan creation process including sending out a survey and contacting Bill Morris.
  - c. Conditional permits in particular and the seemingly capricious application of Zoning By-Laws were the main topics of Mike's discussion.
  - d. George asked for Mike's permission for the Planning Commission to reach out to him for help when the appropriate time comes in the writing of the Town Plan. Mike was very agreeable to this.

### OLD BUSINESS

- V. Creating a new Town Plan:
  - a. Discussion regarding how to begin the process:
    - i. Reach out to Newfane Anew to form a committee to tackle a variety of issues
    - ii. Synchronization of Town Plan and Zoning By-Laws
    - iii. Launch of Historical Committee – reach out to Dan Brooks, Billy Morris, Larry Robinson, Judge Wesley. Gary agreed to make this connection.
    - iv. Tristam volunteered to speak with the Principal of Newbrook School, Scotty, to explore the possibility of involving the upcoming generation in the creation of the new Town Plan
    - v. Gary will attend the 3/17 Transportation meeting at 6 p.m. at the Newbrook Fire House
    - vi. Newfane Anew to be asked to attend the next Planning Commission meeting. Gary will ask Bob McCandless to make the request to Newfane Anew.
- VI. Notes and Communications from the Selectboard (SB)
  - a. Carol Hatcher emailed two names to be followed up with for the purpose of filling vacancies on the Planning Commission

### NEW BUSINESS

- VII. Election of officers
  - a. George and Tristam tendered their resignations from the Planning Commission
  - b. Election of officers deferred until vacancies filled
- VIII. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7 p.m., at the Newfane Town Hall.

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IX. Move to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Weisbrich*

Patricia H. Weisbrich