

Town Of Newfane, Vermont
Planning Commission
SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb. 9, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Newfane Town Offices

- I. Call to order 6:05 PM
Lynn, Pat, and Tim
- II. Review and approve minutes of last meeting
Tim read the minutes for the Jan. 26, 2016 Regular meeting. Approved 3/0 as read.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Lynn confirmed that the PC is on the agenda for the 2/16 Selectboard meeting
 - b. Discussion on how to proceed with MPG fund requests. Previous PC meeting (1/26) had moved and voted to request initial funds to begin work with the WRC. Consensus was to table a request for initial funds pending solution for PC membership and quorum issues.
 - c. Discussion on ultimate goal of Town Plan revisions to address inaccuracies and omissions. Consensus was to focus on more than just the VCD (i.e. flood preparedness, etc.) as recommended by the WRC in their review of the current approved plan. The amendment process is too involved for such a narrow scope of changes.
 - d. Discussion on the benefits of seeking VCD and are tax credits to the town the major benefit? Learning more information is planned when the PC meets with Mr. Amore. Consensus was to gather more information on VCD benefits to the Newfane villages.
 - e. Discussion on trying to make the amended Town Plan more forward looking in scope. One method would be meetings with citizens to learn of their concerns for a better Town of Newfane. Consensus was to be mindful of the need to be more "forward thinking" when amending the current plan.
- IV. New Business
 - a. This will be Pat's last meeting before her commission expires 3/1/16. The Planning Commission members wish to thank Pat for her efforts over the last 3 years to create the current Town Plan and address required Zoning Bylaw changes. The current PC has benefited from her years of prior service. Thank You, Pat!
- V. Agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Tim will contact Town Moderator to confirm process to present a "fact sheet" at town meeting 3/1/16.
 - b. Tim will create and distribute a draft of the fact sheet to PC members for feedback before the next meeting (2/23/16).
 - c. Both Lynn and Tim will continue their efforts to recruit required new members to fill vacant seats in the PC and address quorum issues.
 - d. Lynn and Tim will attend the SB meeting 2/16/16.

VI. Items to carry forward for discussion at a later date

VII. Adjournment 7:05

Planning Commission Note: Regular Planning Commission meetings are held at Newfane Town Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 PM. All interested parties are most welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Cawrse
Timothy D. Cawrse, clerk

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