

***Borough of Newtown
Zoning Commission
Newtown, Connecticut***

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN ZONING
COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough of Newtown Zoning Commission on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Borough Office, Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, Connecticut. Chairman Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Brid Craddock, Lucy Sullivan, David Francis and Doug Nelson.

Commission Members Absent: Linda Shepard and Palmer Chiappetta.

Staff Present: Jean St. Jean, Borough Zoning Enforcement Officer, Donald Mitchell, Borough Attorney, and Maureen Crick Owen, Zoning Clerk.

Staff Absent: None.

Public Present: Dr. and Mrs. Young, Larry Coleman and Burt Geisinger.

1. Trinity Church: Larry Coleman and Burt Geisinger were present on behalf of Trinity Church. Chairman Nelson informed them that the pod on the property of the rectory church property on Main Street is a zoning issue. He stated that they do not have a permit for the pod or have they pulled a building permit. Chairman Nelson informed them of their options to correct their non-compliance.

2. Article 6 Proposed Revisions: Dr. and Mrs. Young inquired to the changes, if approved, and what would be allowed for signs on professional property. Dr. Young asked the commission to consider slightly larger wall signs than what they proposed.

3. Article 4 Uses: A motion was made by Mrs. Craddock to approve the application by the Borough of Newtown Zoning Commission for proposed amendments to Article 4 (Uses) to change allowed special exception uses in a Residential Zone, provide rules for lots that lie in more than one zone, allow outdoor sales and storage of merchandise in a Business Zone with a permit and to make editorial changes, as presented, with an effective date of March 3, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sullivan and the vote was as follows:

Brid Craddock – Yes
Lucy Sullivan – Yes
Doug Nelson – Yes

Mr. Francis did not participate in the vote because he was not in attendance at the public hearing meeting and had not listened to the tape of said hearing.

4. Article 6 Signs: Discussion took place regarding suggestions. A motion was made by Mrs. Sullivan to approve the application by the Borough of Newtown Zoning Commission for proposed amendments to Article 6 (Signs) to provide additional signage in Professional, Business and Industrial zones on lots with multiple buildings, as presented, with an effective date of March 3, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craddock and the vote was as follows:

Brid Craddock – Yes
Lucy Sullivan – Yes
Doug Nelson – Yes

Mr. Francis did not participate in the vote because he was not in attendance at the public hearing meeting and had not listened to the tape of said hearing.

Chairman Nelson said that he wanted to discuss Articles 5 and 7 at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sullivan to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Craddock and unanimously approved. Mr. Francis did not vote on this motion as he was not present at the January meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes of December 11, 2014, seconded by Ms. Craddock and unanimously approved. Mrs. Sullivan did not vote on this motion as she was not present at the December meeting.

Mrs. Jean St. Jean spoke about mixed use and the property at 33 Main Street.

There being no other business to transact the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 12, 2014.

Maureen Crick Owen
Zoning Clerk