



Newtown Municipal Center- Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street, Newtown Connecticut
Thursday July 14, 2016 at 7:30PM
Minutes

Present: Joanne Bacon, Joanne Brunetti, Steffan Burns, Dan Krauss, Kyle Lyddy (Chairman), Alan Martin (vice Chairman), Sarah Middleleer, Tricia Pinto, Donna VanWaalwijk
Absent: Brian Engel, Agni Pavlidou-Kyprianou

Called to order at 7:32PM

Moment of Silence

Approval of June Minutes:

Commissioner Martin moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Krauss: the motion passed

Public Participation:

Richmond Jones: 1 Obtuse Road, Newtown: He wanted to clarify a point made in the Bee. He in no way is looking at cross purposes. He presented his concept to Parks & Rec last Month with a positive reaction. They think it's a good idea but he has a long way to go. Commissioner Martin had some concerns that he is meeting with other groups. Mr. Jones stated the main reason for doing so is to inform it is an idea and to get the idea out there. It is only a concept right now. Commissioner Pinto asked him if the location was moved from FFH would he follow the Commission. He stated he is doing what is best for the community and peace is his goal.

Site Selection Update/Inventory

Town/State update on Wasserman Way/Nunnawauk Road/Proposal for soil testing

Commissioner Martin stated he had met with George Benson (Land Use Director) of Zoning. They reviewed and visited the site being offered by the State of CT. He stated it is adjacent to Sandy Hook and FFH, it has some noise from Wasserman Way, Natural peaceful setting and better view for the horse farm, thinks further up the incline of the property would be better and infrastructures are not an issue and there are no restrictions on the property. Right now it is still owned by the State of CT. Commissioner Middleleer asked if it was the site where the incinerator was. Commissioner Martin stated yes but that Mr. Benson stated that testing of the soil would be done. The property would be a gift to the Town and is now in negotiations with the State. He will take some pictures of the property to show at a future meeting. Parking is non-existent right now but could easily be done. The area is overgrown

right now. Commissioner VanWaalwijk stated it is like a meadow with lots of trees around but just not a great view right now but some trees could be cut. Kyle stated he is pleased with the development and stated there is money available for the soil testing. He also stated there is some clarification needed to see if all of the recommended tests are necessary. Commissioner Burns stated that the expense to do the testing is due to what you're going to uncover and how it would be handled. Stated there is still some clarification needed and knowing where the incinerator was would also be helpful because some testing may not have to be done. Commissioner Martin stated he would like to concentrate on this site and the Town paying for the testing could further be discussed.

Design Selection Guidelines Feedback

Kyle stated this is an ongoing document being drafted and edited as we go along. Clarification needs to be made regarding the direction of who is reviewing it. The Commission is for the selection at hand. Once down to 3 designs we may then open to public participation for some feedback. Then the presentations should be done. The families will be very involved in the process. Commission doesn't think we need to do all groups again. It should be families, Commission and Advisors. Commission needs to work on the place that submissions should be sent to once the process begins. The site needs to be confirmed and then the process can be fine-tuned. We first need to wait on the State answer on acquiring the land. Once the Town receives the land the steps for testing will be done. So there is still some clarification needed and this is an ongoing process.

Miscellaneous/ Communication with the Commission and with the Community

Kyle stated that it has been pretty quiet. He did a new Q & A with some new questions and some duplicate questions. He would like some feedback in the next week or so from the Commissioners. Funding still needs to be discussed further and he will do a 2nd outreach to groups we did in the beginning of the process

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Martin with Commissioner Van Waalwijk seconding the motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27PM

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Kovack (recording clerk)