

MINUTES

Newtown Planning and Zoning Commission

*Land Use Office
Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut*

*Regular Meeting
February 2, 2012*

Present: Ms. Dean, Ms. Brymer, Mr. Mulholland, Mr. Porco and Mr. Swift. Alternates: Mr. Pozek and Ms. Fillion. Also present: George Benson, Land Use Director. Clerk: Ms. Wilkin

The meeting was opened at 7.37 p.m. Notice is made that the entire meeting was taped and can be heard in the Planning and Zoning Office, Municipal Building, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut

MANDATORY REFERRAL

MANDATORY REFERRAL UNDER CGS 8-24 FROM THE BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN ZONING REGULATIONS AT SECTION 6.07A AND 6.05B2 PERTAINING TO SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

Don Mitchell, Esq., Attorney for the Borough explained how the proposal came about. There have been some discussions about separating Main Street from the rest of the Borough.

Ms. Dean wondered if signs would be needed if buildings were clearly numbered.

After a brief discussion on the matter Ms. Dean made a motion to support the application of the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Mulholland. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued)

APPLICATION BY THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR UPDATE TO THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AS CONTAINED IN A DRAFT DOCUMENT ENTITLED "SECTIONS OF THE WORKING DRAFT TOWN OF NEWTOWN PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2010 SANDY HOOK DESIGN DISTRICT DRAFT - HAWLEYVILLE CENTER DESIGN DISTRICT DRAFT - SOUTH MAIN STREET DESIGN DISTRICT DRAFT".

Ms. Dean felt confident about the three design districts. Meetings had been held in each area to obtain comments of the neighbors. Ms. Brymer thought there should be an introduction for all three districts.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

DRAFT OF PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE III "NEWTOWN IN PERSPECTIVE GROWTH, CHANGE AND TRENDS"

The Commission discussed the draft report dated January 31, 2012.

DRAFT OF PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE V "ACHIEVING THE VISION: COMMUNITY CHARACTER

There was a brief discussion and the Commission agreed that there is very little difference between this and the previous version.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT "STATUS TRACKING

The Commission discussed a prepared spreadsheet "2012 Plan of Conservation and Development Status Tracking" showing the current status of each item for inclusion in the final version.

PLAN MEMORANDUM #6 "PARKS AND RECREATION:

This will be scheduled for public hearing for the March 1, 2012 meeting.

Debra Zukowski, 4 Cornfield Ridge Road, Newtown, Connecticut volunteered to apply her expertise and work unpaid for a week. Ms. Dean thanked her, saying that after the meeting to be held the next day they will have a clearer idea of what, if anything, she could do.

LAND USE AGENCY DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The Commission discussed the status of the senior citizen possible relocation.

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Mr. Mulholland made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2011 with one correction:

Page 3 – After the words BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ... change the word **amends** to **amendments** ...

Seconded by Mr. Pozek. Motion approved.

Mr. Mulholland made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2012 with one correction:

Page 3 – delete the paragraph "Mr. Benson will arrange ... February 2, 2012"

Seconded by Mr. Swift. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pozek made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Swift. The vote was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m