

MINUTES

Newtown Planning and Zoning Commission

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

*Land Use Office
Meeting Room 3
Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut*

*Regular Meeting
February 6, 2014*

Present: Mr. Mulholland, Mr. Porco, Mr. Corigliano and Mr. Mitchell. Alternates: Mr. Pozek. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ruhs.

Clerk: Ms. Wilkin

The meeting was opened at 7.35 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

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

Mr. Mulholland suggested that when the Agenda is light members of the Commission should take the opportunity of raising issues for discussion.

Everyone received a copy of the Town Engineer's memo. Mr. Mulholland went through the public hearing procedures. The Commission discussed whether or not adjoiners should be notified of pending changes to a special exception.

Mr. Mulholland referred to "Housing News Digest" which advises on everything going on in the State regarding affordable housing. The Commission discussed the current situation regarding affordable housing. Newtown is far short of the required amount of units to meet State recommendations. Any proposed affordable housing location should be able to link up with town sewer and water lines.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the State puts on a very good program about housing in May. Commissioners usually try and attend. Ann Mazur will be sending out details closer to the date.

First Selectman Llodra has expressed a desire to develop Exit 9. The Commission discussed the push for commercial development. Once the sewers are approved the site should attract potential developers.

The Commission discussed the possible expansion of the rail line. Mr. Porco said that Sandy Hook was a vacation area in the 18th/19th centuries when people moved by rail.

The Commission discussed the price of home rentals in the State, noting that the demand is high and units expensive.

Mr. Taylor asked if the Commission had given any thought to the suggestion of beginning the meetings earlier. The 7:30 time was convenient for most professionals.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Land Use Director's Comments

Mr. Benson was not present.

Minutes

Mr. Pozek made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2014 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Corigliano. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.