

NEWINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019

Chairman Bernadette Conway called the regular meeting of the Newington Open Space Committee to order at 6:30 pm in Room L-101 of Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Bernadette Conway
Commissioner Gail Budrejko
Commissioner Carol Wojtowicz

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Dunning
Commissioner Chris Miner

Town Staff Present:

Town Planner Craig Minor

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I. ROLL CALL

The presence of the above members was noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Budrejko made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wojtowicz. All were in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

IV. ANNUAL MEETING

a. Election of Officers: Commissioner Wojtowicz made a motion to re-elect each of the current officers to the same positions, seconded by Commissioner Budrejko. All were in favor.

b. Calendar of Regular Meeting Dates for 2019: The Committee members discussed the lack of a significant amount of material for the Committee to deal with. It was suggested that they meet only quarterly, with special meetings as needed. Commissioner Budrejko made a motion to approve a 2019 calendar of regular meetings in March, June, September and December, seconded by Commissioner Wojtowicz. All were in favor.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 8, 2018

Commissioner Wojtowicz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Budrejko. All were in favor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Plan of Conservation and Development Update

Town Planner Minor informed the Committee that TPZ has received five "proposals" from planning consulting firms looking to assist TPZ with preparing the updated POCD. The proposals indicate how that firm would approach the task, and each one places a different emphasis on the various components of the POCD update process. A subcommittee of TPZ will review the proposals and recommend one to TPZ. Chairman Conway asked if it would be possible for the Open Space Committee to see those proposals too. Town Planner Minor said he would email them to the Committee.

b. Wethersfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Stakeholders Advisory Committee

This was kept on the agenda so that the Committee could discuss bike lanes on streets in Newington. Town Planner Minor reminded the Committee that Newington got a grant from DOT to put a bike lane on Garfield Street which is on hold until the new Town Hall is built, and that Newington also got a major grant from DOT to resurface Robbins Avenue from Main Street to Maple Hill Avenue, and the plan is to reduce Robbins from four lanes to two with a two-way center aisle and bike lanes on both sides.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

IX. Adjourn

Commissioner Wojtowicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Conway. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Minor, AICP
Town Planner