

Newfield Planning Board Minutes

Date: January 2, 2019

Voting Members: Gloria Dyer, Anthony Garitty, Skip Tonge, Jeff Valley, Sherry Bachelder

Alternate Member(s): ~~Ben Buzzell~~ (excused)

Quorum Present

Purpose: Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Call to order with pledge of allegiance		Performed by all - 7pm
Open Public Hearing 7:00 pm	Attendees: Skip Tonge, Gloria Dyer and Anthony Garrity, Jeff Valley, Sherry Bachelder,	5 in attendance
Public Hearing notices:	Notices were posted in local papers and posted on the town's website	
Public attendees:	Richard Peterson, Amy Tarbox, Shelley Gobielle, Norm Hutchins, Wanda Wonson and several others	Approximately 10 in attendance
Close Public Hearing 7:25 pm	<p>Chair begins by detailing the Food Sovereignty Act was presented to the planning board in June, 2018; it has been reviewed and worked on between other ordinances since that date until the last meeting in December. Gloria then added the lawyer's opinion, that we not adopt or include the preamble.</p> <p>Chair mentions changes that were made to the proposed ordinance: adding the Food or Food Products definition with the assistance of the MMA lawyer on the wording of that definition. Also, adding the word "fresh" in that definition.</p> <p>Chair also requests clarification on item 12. Discussion of leaving item 12 off the ordinance was considered. Board reiterated the lawyer's findings, that it conflicts with the current laws.</p> <p>Board explained that requires licensing, and discussed Ms. Tarbox's interpretation of item 12 as she understood the same.</p> <p>Options of how to proceed were brought up. March Town Meeting on the town warrant or referendum ballot (which requires 60 days' notice)</p>	<p>Public Comments:</p> <p>Wonda Wonson questioned why the lawyer didn't recommend the preamble. - Chair explained that some of it is not consistent with Maine State Constitution Section 5</p> <p>Shelley Gobeille added that the town lawyer also concurs with that opinion. Priority to look out for the town's best interest.</p> <p>Wanda Wonson recalled from previous meeting; if another Sovereign town member wanted to participate within our town...</p> <p>Amy Tarbox mentions Harris Turkey farm carrying jams from a neighboring town member</p> <p>Wanda Wonson expressed concern that the ordinance move forward to vote at the March Town Meeting, as prolonging it would cause those parties to miss another season</p>
Open Planning Board Meeting 7:27 pm		
Review of minutes from last meetings	December 12, 2018 Minutes read - discussed corrections to be made. Skip motioned to pass minutes after corrections are made Sherry seconded	vote - 5/0 in favor of approval of minutes with corrections
Old Business:	Balch Lake Marina 375 Sanborn Rd (Map 47, Lot 27)	Application was submitted along with a \$75 Fee. Board determined the application was complete at the November meeting. Public Hearing was held on December 12, 2018

Review of Application:	<p>Chair re-caps the inventory of the file: Application sketches of the site plan owner's deed, accessibility to the road/driveway. Ads in local papers, certified receipts for notices to abutters, letters for and against the Balch Lake Marina, as well as a collage of pictures and explanation of fears that the individual opposing the marina submitted.</p> <p>Evidence submitted at the public hearing regarding information that was received prior to the public hearing: emails, citizen complaint (December 4, 2018 from Mr. Ring – an abutter) as well as some that were in favor of the marina (people in the area, but not abutting the property) Valsell's – in favor, Cornoier – in favor, Moscotolla – in favor, – Taynor – in favor, Wilson – also in favor. (The complaints were brought forward at the public hearing; we may have overlooked mentioning the in favor emails/letters at the public hearing)</p> <p>FINDING OF FACTS:</p> <p>Recommendation for Conditional Use Permit: Anthony motioned, Sherry Seconded</p>	<p>(See Finding of Fact form)</p> <p>Vote – 5/0 all in favor</p>
New Business:	Firework & Dog ordinances	
Next meeting	January 16, 2019	Special meeting to finish working on Food Sovereignty ordinance

Motion to adjourn made by: Jeff, Seconded by Skip, all in favor 5-0
Time Adjourned: 9:25 pm