

Newfield Planning Board Minutes

Date: February 6, 2019

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

Alternate Members: Ben Buzzell

Quorum Present

7:00 pm Public Hearing - Food Sovereignty Ordinance

still searching for alternate board member

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Call to order with pledge of allegiance	Performed by all	7pm
Public in attendance	Edgar Dolbec, Wanda Wonson, Amy Tarbox, George (not sure of last name) and a few others	Approximately 8 in attendance
Board Introduced: 7:02 Public Hearing Begins for the Food Sovereignty Ordinance	Gloria gives information on the Food Ordinance, as it was worked on between other Planning Board business. The January Public Hearing. Some small changes had been made as well as some significant changes, requiring a second Public Hearing. Changes made at last meeting: The word Patron was changed to consumer throughout. Ordinance previously included Farmer's Markets, which was taken out. Significant change was on pg 4, section 6 C (top of page) exception for licensure and inspection. We ended the sentence... in accordance with section 284... removed section 4 and replaced with current, since it was clearer. Section D - Meat & Poultry (are exempt) Section 12 pg 4 at the bottom. Section 12 removed other municipalities, etc.	
Public Comments 7:28 Public Hearing Closed	Edgar Dollbec asked what constitutes a "small scale farm" Preamble, 3rd paragraph - was kept, Wanda Wonson asked why it was kept, as discussions had mentioned the possibility of taking it out. Wanda Wonson, mentioned there are 47 towns that have passed the Food Sovereignty Ordinance and another 47 considering it.	Gloria mentioned the Maine State Statute, it states small scale farms, however does not give a definition.
Review of minutes from last meetings	Minutes read from January 2, 2019 Sherry Motioned, Jeff Seconded Minutes read from January 16, 2019 Skip Motioned, Anthony Seconded	vote - 5/0 accept minutes with corrections vote - 5/0 accept minutes with corrections

Food Sovereignty	<p>Board member searched: USDA defines a small farm as one that grows and sells between \$1,000 and \$250,000 per year of agricultural products.</p> <p>Skip Motioned to move forward with the Food Sovereignty Ordinance to the March 9 Town Meeting Sherry Seconded</p>	Vote - 5/0 all in favor
<p>New Business:</p> <p>Dog Ordinance</p>	<p>Wade Andrews (animal control officer) was to attend, he may have forgotten.</p> <p>Wade, our Animal Control Officer (ACO) said he gets a few calls per week.</p> <p>Looking at surrounding town's Dog ordinances, combining some of the components to bring to Newfield... Discussion of nuisance - definitions given, some aspects of each appealed to the board... working on combining the two. Discussion of the penalties. Will need to complete our draft, submit it to the lawyer, then have it brought before the town.</p>	Once the town passes the Dog ordinance, they will be able to recover some of the impound fees of dogs that have been brought to the animal shelter.
Old Business:	<p>Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (need to scan, and insert changes)</p> <p>Growth Ordinance: last revision, it seems, was misdated. Need to revisit and re-vote.</p>	<p>Scanned, converted to Word and updates are in the process.</p> <p>Re-Vote on Growth Ordinance</p>
Next meeting	March 6, 2019	7 pm

Motion to adjourn made by: Skip, Seconded by Sherry, all in favor 5-0
Time Adjourned: 8:59 pm