

**Newfield Planning Board Minutes
Town of Newfield, August 12, 2020**

Attendance: Gloria Dyer: Skip Tonge: Benjamin Buzzell: Anthony Garrity: Linda Bisson (Voting Alternate): Dan Phelan (Alternate)

Absent: Sherry Batchelder

Other Attendees: Eric Sanderson, Moderator: Dana Libby, Mr. O’Neil, Heidi and Joshua Smith
via Zoom: Audience: Norman Hutchins, Lennie Foss, Emily Foss, Robert Levesque and Steve Suizero

Topic	Discussion	Decision
<u>Call to order</u>	7:01 PM	
<u>Pledge</u> <u>Minutes</u> from July 1	<p>Recited</p> <p>Linda Bisson read the meeting minutes from July 1, 2020. A Motion was made by Ben to accept the minutes as read.</p> <p>A workshop is scheduled for August 19th via Zoom and in person</p> <p>The planning Board meeting was paused and the Public Hearing on the final plan on the application for Joanne’s Hill Subdivision was called to order at 7:29 pm. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:11 pm. See detailed public hearing minutes on attached sheet.</p>	<p>The motion was seconded by Skip. The vote Skip Yes, Ben Yes, Linda Yes, Anthony Yes and Gloria Yes</p> <p>The Balch Lake Marina and The Solar Farm will be on the September agenda pending receipt of paperwork.</p>
<u>Old Business</u> Joanne’s Hill Subdivision on Libby Rd. Map 29 Lot 3	<p>The meeting was returned to the regular schedule at 8:11 pm.</p> <p>Gloria, the planning board chair, brought up a discussion to the full board for a decision on the <u>potential</u> for conflict of interest or <u>bias</u> concerning the boards newest member and former citizen participant during the subdivision application review process. The new member felt that participation would be objective and the board members present supported the members ability to be objective during the discussion on the findings of fact.</p>	

	<p>Comments and concerns brought up during the review of the subdivision final plan included: A recommendation from a board member to reconsider the hydrogeologic study due to continued public comment concerns; A discussion ensued regarding the usefulness of a hydrogeological study in determining if there is a relationship between construction site activities and potential ground water diversion as described by area residents in that any diversion would worsen current basement flooding issues; Frick and Assoc. soil suitability reports were reviewed; A discussion ensued about the possibility of construction side blasting and potential negative effect on groundwater and area granite foundations; Location of springs that feed the wetland were identified by lot; Discussed the need or not for a performance bond; Two or more conditions of approval were discussed and decided to be added to the subdivision plan sets, sheet 1.</p> <p>#33 No blasting on lots and #34 The preservation of rock walls to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>The findings of fact were begun.</p>	<p>.”</p> <p>1. Linda made a motion “The subdivision meets the standards for the slope of the land changing minimally and driveways have been noted on the maps and plan set. Ben Seconded the motion. Skip yes, Ben yes, Linda yes, Anthony yes and Gloria yes 5-0-0</p> <p>2. Ben made a motion: The lots have adequate water as confirmed by the letter from the well driller.” The motion was seconded by Anthony.</p>
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Meeting adjourned	10:23 pm	

Next meeting: Sept. 2, 2020

- Minutes taken by Linda Bisson