

Borough of Newtown
Zoning Commission
Newtown, Connecticut

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN ZONING COMMISSION

Minutes from the Meeting of January 11, 2023

Meeting of the Borough of Newtown Zoning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Court Room, Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown.

Commission Members Present: Doug Nelson, David Francis, Claudia Mitchell, Rick Davis, Don Mitchell and Margaret Hull.

Commission Members Absent: Doug McDonald.

Staff Present: Joe Chapman, BZEO, and Maureen Crick Owen, Clerk.

Public: None.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes of November 9, 2022, seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved. Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Hull abstained from voting as they were not at the November 9, 2022 meeting.

Chairman's Report: None

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report: Mr. Chapman reported that 27 Church Hill is due for demolition. He said that he and Mr. Nelson are working with Bank of America's lighting company and BofA regarding their proposed lighting request. At this time, a lighting permit has not been submitted. He reported Big Y has submitted a sign permit application. Mr. Chapman said his office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Discussion, review and possible revisions to all articles of the zoning regulations: Lengthy discussion took place about buffers. Discussion took place regarding the intention of buffers, what exactly is a buffer (natural, fence, wetlands, etc.). Buffers are addressed in the business, professional and industrial zones. Mr. Mitchell will work on a draft regarding buffers for the next meeting.

New Business:

1. New carriage corrals for Big Y: Mr. Nelson showed the board a picture of the proposed corrals, which will not have lighting or advertising.
2. New lighting plan for Bank of America (Queen Street): See ZEO report above.
3. 2023 Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Mrs. Hull and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Any new proposed signs: None.

5. Acceptance of any new applications: None.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Crick Owen, Clerk