

Newfields Planning Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024

Attendance: Jeff Feenstra, Bill Meserve, John Hayden, Glenn Greenwood and Jeff Couture Absent from the meeting was Michael Sununu and Mike Price.

Jeff Feenstra called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendments

No members of the public were present. The Board discussed the proposed amendments in detail last month.

1. Add the following definition of “right of way” to Article II, Definitions to become number 2.1.29. Subsequent definitions will be re-numbered.

"Right-of-way" means and includes all present and proposed town, state and federal roads and highways and the land on either side of same as covered by statutes to determine the widths of rights-of-way. The land on each side of the road or highway is owned by the appropriate governmental body. For the purposes of the Newfields zoning ordinance right of way and public street mean the same thing.

A motion was made by Bill Meserve and seconded by John Hayden to move forward with the definition of “right of way”. All were in favor.

2. Add the following definition of “setback” to Article II, Definitions to become number 2.1.32. Subsequent definitions will be re-numbered.

"Setback" means the distance between the nearest portion of a building and a lot or right-of-way line, whichever is closer.

A motion was made by John Hayden and seconded by Bill to add the definition of “setback” to our ordinances. All were in favor and the motion carried.

3. Remove section 4.8 Conversion of Existing Residential Structures in its entirety. The Town now allows accessory dwelling units, so this section is redundant.

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Jeff Couture to move forward with the amendment as written. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. If the Town wishes to allow ADU in the village district the language could be added to section 4.14.4.1.1:

A motion was made by Jeff Feenstra and seconded by Jeff Couture to move forward with the amendment to allow ADU’s in the Residential Village District. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Meserve and seconded by John to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McKinnon