

## **Village of Newport Planning Board**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**September 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Village of Newport Planning Board was held on August 9, 2013 at the Newport Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Person, John Flanagan.

Members Present: John Flanagan, Margaret Garlock, Dan Capron

Members Excused Dusty Dodge, Tammy Gorinshek (vacant position remains unfilled)

Guests Present: Christine Shahin

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from August 2013 were presented and reviewed by the Planning Board. A motion was made to accept the minutes. All were in favor.

Organizational/ Existing Business:

-Discussion was held regarding the required 4 hours of annual training for Planning Board members. John gave the members a link to the NYS Department of State. This site has online course work available for anyone wishing to access them. John will continue to make a request to the mayor that any training info she receives be forwarded to the Planning Board. It was made known to the board that any additional hours of course credit accumulated would transfer to the following year of service.

Village of Newport Zoning Book:

-There was no official discussion regarding the Newport Zoning book. However, the topic was discussed in the public session with Ms. Shahin. Being a Zoning board member, Christine discussed a desire to pool our energies and ideas regarding the updating of the zoning book, so we might be better prepared to address more modern concerns (the issue of hydro-fracking being one of them). She cited issues being faced by other small communities like Newport and what these communities are doing to face these challenges. She is been in contact with a lawyer involved in a hydro-fracking case in the Dryden area and offered her email and phone number ([christineshahin@gmail.com](mailto:christineshahin@gmail.com); 868-7960), should the board have questions and concerns Christine might be able to assist with.

Other Business:

-As our meetings fall on the second Monday of the month and these days being Federal holidays in October and November, the next meeting was set for December 9, 2013. With no site plans up for review, the board felt this time span between meetings was appropriate. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Capron

Village of Newport Planning Board Member