

Newton Planning Commission Meeting
March 14, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT

Minutes

Agenda

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Approval of February 2019 minutes
3. Historic cabin placement – Jim and Heidi Hodgson
4. Review Newton General Plan
5. Adjournment

Members present: Justin Cooley, Deb Simpson, Reid Smith and Kevin Parkinson

Karla Ferguson (Recorder) Absent: Dale Mohlman

Others Present: Gordon Anderson, Charles Olsen, Ilda Berge, and Darrin Hancey

1. Opening Ceremony

2. Minutes for February 2019 approved.

3. Historic cabin placement – Ilda Berge and Charles Olsen discussed the placement of a historic cabin just north of the veteran’s memorial. The property would be donated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP). Ilda read a letter from the Church giving initial approval of the donation of a parcel of 30’ x 24’ for the placement of the cabin pending approval by the town. The Church is requiring written confirmation from Newton Town of its approval before the donation will take place. The discussion from Town Council meeting the week before regarding the cabin was discussed. Kevin Parkinson stated that an actual plot map is needed for the placement of the cabin and it may need to be surveyed. A survey marker is located just north of the veteran’s memorial. It was discussed that the DUP will provide insurance for the cabin. No power or water will be installed in the cabin. Charles Olsen reviewed how logs will be inspected and organized before reconstruction to determine if they are structurally sound. Darrin Hancey, building inspector, discussed that allowing people inside the cabin would qualify it as a museum and changes requirements. He feels it would need a structural engineer evaluation but the same type of construction that was used when it was originally built can be used to reconstruct. However, it will need footings, foundation plan, connections from logs to roof and the plans would need to be reviewed. Jed Woodward stated that it does not have a roof structure but a plan by an engineer should be done and a new roof inspected. Charles Olsen said they will have plans and a survey done and then they need written approval from the town. Meanwhile, they will begin inspecting and stacking logs. After plans are completed they will have Darrin Hancey review them.

4. Review Newton General Plan – Deb Simpson asked the Town Council to review the General Plan. Deb volunteered to make notes of action items from the General Plan and send it out before next month’s meeting for everyone to review it. Gordon Anderson discussed that he has been looking at the General plan and thinks we should consider adding a dark sky initiative to avoid light pollution. It was also reviewed to look into a Tree City designation.

Other business: Reid Smith will be gone for business for four months and would like to participate in the meetings electronically. Research is needed to determine what needs to be done to approve electronic meeting participation. The dog ordinance and requiring a business license for dog breeders was discussed. Ideas for adding to the ordinance for dog breeders, such as allowing for the temporary housing of dogs and vaccination proof. Council members were encouraged to research requirements for dog breeding businesses.

5. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by: _____
Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date