

Newton Planning Commission Meeting
May 9, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT

Minutes

Agenda

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Approval of April 2019 minutes
3. Electronic Meeting Procedure
4. Dog Kennel Conditional Use Permit Approval
Annika Brackin, 4 dogs, 143 East 100 South
5. Historic Cabin Placement
6. Dog Ordinance Review – a. Temporary housing of dogs, b. Noise, c. Business license for dog breeding operations
7. General Plan Review
8. Adjournment

Members present: Justin Cooley, Dale Mohlman, Deb Simpson, Reid Smith and Kevin Parkinson
Karla Ferguson (Recorder)

Others Present: Katherine Mohlman, Heidi Hodgson, Ilda Berge, and Gordon Anderson

1. Opening Ceremony by Dale Mohlman

2. Minutes for April 2019 approved.

3. Electronic Meeting Procedure - Resolution 2019-01 passed by the Newton Town Council establishing electronic meeting procedures was discussed and accepted.

3. Dog Kennel Conditional Use Permit Approval - Annika Brackin, 4 dogs, 143 East 100 South – It was reviewed that five neighbor notifications were received for this kennel. Neighbor responses indicated there were concerns with dog barking and the fence not being adequate. Those in attendance expressed concerns that the dogs have jumped over the current fence and that the current fence in front of the house is on the town property and encloses the water meter. Fence requirements, height and location of fence were discussed. Because most of the front yard of this house is located on town property, the location of the water meter and to help mitigate dog barking, it was determined that the dogs when outside should be contained to the backyard only. It was discussed that when the dogs are outside of the fence they must be leashed. The conditions set for Annika Brackin's dog kennel conditional use permit are: the permit is for 3 dogs, a 6 foot solid fence must be installed in the backyard only, and owners must remain cognizant of noise and odors. The permit was approved with the conditions set.

4. Historic Cabin Placement – Heidi Hodgson discussed the progress with the cabin. The building inspector asked for additional information on the plans. The cabin committee reissued the plans with that information but hasn't heard back from the inspector on that yet. Heidi asked that the Planning Commission write a letter approving the use of the land as long as they comply with all requests of the building inspector. There was a discussion on the logs of the cabin and how many may need to be replaced and requirements of the building inspector. It was discussed that before approval from the Planning Commission can be given all of the information and approval they have requested must be met and then a special meeting could be held to issue Planning Commission approval. Heidi said that the Planning Commission approval needs to be in place before the land donation will be made. Heidi discussed that they used a metal detector and found one

corner survey marker and are having the legal description written for the proposed land donation. Heidi Hodgson will check with Cache County recorder to determine what is needed to have the lot recorded.

6. Dog Ordinance Review – a. Temporary housing of dogs, b. Noise, c. Business license for dog breeding operations – The current dog ordinance was reviewed. There was a discussion on leash requirements and voice control. Noise issues and requiring breeder operations to have a business license were also discussed. It was determined that research on other communities’ animal ordinances should be reviewed. The draft animal control ordinances proposed in 2012 will be emailed this month for each member to review for next month’s meeting.

7. General Plan Review – Deb Simpson has reviewed the draft land management code that was proposed in 2002. She asked that the other members review it to see if there are items to use for our General Plan and other ordinances. Karla Ferguson will email assigned sections for each member to review and discuss at next month’s meeting.

Other business: Jed Woodward arrived and asked what the requirements for the setbacks for the historic cabin are. It was discussed because the proposed placement is located in a commercial zone the planning commission will review and set the setbacks required.

8. Adjournment

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