

Newton Planning Commission Meeting
March 12, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT

Minutes

Agenda

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Introduction of new Planning Commission members
3. Vote on new Planning Commission Chairperson
4. Approval of February Minutes
5. Draft animal ordinance review
6. Training for open public meetings and Planning Commission duties
7. Adjournment

Members present: Justin Cooley, Martin Empey, Dale Mohlman, Kevin Parkinson, and Reid Smith

New Members: Barry Myers and Randy Christensen.

Karla Ferguson (Recorder)

Others Present: Trent Dagley, Jed Woodward, Gordon Anderson, Helen Rigby, Kevin Rhodes, and Craig Rigby. Gordon Anderson arrived at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Ceremony

2. Introduction of new Newton Planning Commission members: Randy Christensen and Barry Myers were introduced as new members to replace Kevin Parkinson and Dale Mohlman. Kevin and Dale were thanked for their more than 5 years of service on the Planning Commission.

3. Vote on new Planning Commission Chairperson – Martin Empey was voted as the new chairperson.

4. Minutes for February 2020 approved.

5. Draft animal ordinance review – Reid Smith gave a review of the draft animal ordinance for the new members. Reid discussed suggested changes that he has received for the draft. Reid plans to review the suggestions, edit the draft animal ordinance and have another draft to review next month. Pigs were discussed. The Newton code from 1976 about family food production was discussed. A motion was made to reinstate the paragraph on family food production but removing goat from those animals not allowed. Another addition to add to the animal ordinance was that animal enclosures for pigs be 125' from dwellings. Setbacks were discussed. Martin Empey made a motion to move to the Town Council to add family food production back into Newton Code. Reid Smith seconds the motion and all approve. It was discussed that another meeting may need to be held to draft the proposal for family food production.

6. Training for open public meetings and Planning Commission duties – Utah League of Cities and Towns publications on open and public meetings was reviewed. Each member was given a copy to review.

Other business: Trent Dagley handed out a preliminary plan for Larsen Farms subdivision. The preliminary plan was drawn to the specifications from last month's Newton Planning Commission meeting but was not complete in time to get on the agenda. The plan was looked at for review. The Planning Commission asked that the turnaround for 100 South be also deeded to the Town. The existing driveway for lot 3 will be removed from highway 23 and moved to 100 South. It was recommended to move the preliminary plan to Town Council for approval. The 100 South road design was discussed. The developer will deed to the Town 148 feet in length and will include the turn around. It was discussed if the turnaround will need to be paved. Because they are selling the remaining parcel to join with the parcel in the county then the County will require Newton to approve the access. At that time, then the remaining 100 South should be paved by

the developer for access to the County parcel. Culverts will be installed under all access points. UDOT will require an 18” culvert. Water runoff, grade and slope of land were discussed. The Planning Commission discussed holding another special meeting on March 19 for drafting family food production ordinance.

Meeting adjourned.

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