

Newton Planning Commission Meeting
February 13, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT

Minutes

Agenda

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Approval of January 2019 minutes
3. Review dog ordinance
4. Review Newton General Plan
5. Adjournment

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

Karla Ferguson (Recorder)

Others Present: Gordon Anderson and Kevin Rhodes

1. Opening Ceremony

2. Minutes for January 2019 approved.

3. Review Dog Ordinance – Dale Mohlman asked for the item to be on the agenda to review ordinance about dogs running at large and aggressive dogs. Dale Mohlman related his experience with a dog running at large that approached him and he felt very threatened by the dog. Deb Simpson also expressed concern for not only aggressive dogs but many dogs running loose in town. Dale feels we should know what the ordinance is and enforce the ordinance. Gordon Anderson expressed that the Town Council has discussed the need to inform residents about the dog ordinance. Mayor Rhodes said that the Cache County Sheriff Department has hired an additional animal control officer and the town council would encourage residents to call the animal control officers if they experience a problem with a dog. The dog ordinance and ideas on educating residents was discussed. Justin Cooley recommended that we look at adding to the ordinance the number of days a dog can stay at a property before it must be licensed in Newton. It was also discussed at looking into requiring business licenses for dog kennel owners that are breeding and selling dogs.

4. Review Newton General Plan – Items from Newton’s general plan were discussed. Gordon Anderson has requested the Town Council review the general plan and give input about it. It was discussed that the Town should identify and develop a sensitive lands zone map and natural drainage areas. It was discussed that slopes over 25% should have development discouraged. The zone map and the need to update it was also discussed. Deb Simpson will attend next month’s town council meeting and discuss Newton’s General Plan with them.

Other business: Current bills in consideration with Utah legislators were discussed. Land use 101 training will be held March 23. Kevin Parkinson and Gordon Anderson will attend the training.

5. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date