

Newton Planning Commission Meeting
January 12, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony Barry Myers
3. Approval of December 2022, minutes
4. Draft water exaction code review
5. Open and public meeting annual training
6. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Members present: Justin Cooley, Martin Empey, Barry Myers and Rich Olsen
Karla Ferguson – Recorder.
Electronic attendance by Zoom: Reid Smith
Others present: Brett Petersen and Lee Woodley

2. Opening Ceremony – by Barry Myers and Justin Cooley

3. Minutes for December 2022, approved.

4. Draft water exaction code review – Brett Petersen presented and discussed information he received from the town engineer, Eric Dursteler regarding water exaction code. The draft code currently being edited for our use deals more with water rights rather than a water source. Brett Petersen read definitions on exaction. Brett Petersen discussed impact fee versus an exaction. The planning commission discussed water rights, water shares, and the difference between the two. Brett Petersen discussed recommendations from the town engineer to include in the code culinary water and secondary water shares. The code recommended to research further is from Grantsville and American Fork. Brett Petersen discussed viability of transfer of shares of secondary water to the town to lease back to residents. Brett Petersen recommends putting language in the code for water rights, water shares, culinary, secondary, and leasing water shares for use. Brett Petersen reviewed developer agreements to help develop a water source if needed. It was discussed that impact fees should be considered in other areas of impact besides water. Brett Petersen requested planning commission members to review the latest code recommendations and make suggestions to Brett by Thursday, January 19. Rich Olsen will follow up to see if a special meeting should be held to review code and make recommendations to the Newton Town Council before their next meeting.

5. Open and public meeting annual training – A training video from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding open and public meetings was shown. All Newton Planning Commission members were in attendance.

The meeting adjourned.

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