

**BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD  
PLANNING BOARD  
COMBINED SESSION MINUTES**

May 29, 2012

Chairman DeCarlo called the public session of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:39 pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings Act. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman DeCarlo	Present
Mayor Subrizi	Present
Council Liaison Berner	Present
Secretary Scavetta	Absent
Vice Chairwoman Hudak	Present
Ms. Sirocchi	Present
Mr. Santino	Present
Mr. Pecci	Present
Mrs. Prisendorf	Absent
Mr. Newman, Alt. 1	Present
Ms. DaCosta, Alt. 2	Present
Mr. Abrahamsen - Attorney	Present
Mrs. Batistic – Engineer	Excused

Chairman DeCarlo advised the members that the Borough Planner Mr. Burgis will be attending the June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>'s work and public session meetings. The Chairman said the Planner will be attending in order to discuss changes on the open space inventory and Master plan to include the acquisition of flood prone properties.

It was agreed to combine both June meetings to allow for work session and then a public session in order to act upon the pertinent documents that the planner and attorney will be providing.

**Sign Ordinance revision**

Mr. DaCosta advised the members that the sign committee had worked on the Board members comments from last month's meeting with regard to the ownership of a business, and they changed the wordage to reflect that. Mr. DaCosta read into the record the changes that were being proposed to the current sign ordinance as follows;

- h. Signs may be illuminated but shall not be painted with or composed of neon, fluorescent, phosphorescent. The use of LED lights shall be permitted such that the origin of the light source is not visible. No electronic signs shall be permitted that simulate the effect of motion. Any sign visible by the public

advertising business shall conform to section 30-29.2(d) of this ordinance.

All existing non conforming signs are deemed to be permitted. For current use, until one of the following occurs:

- 1) Change of ownership, lessee, lessor, inclusive of individual unit or property.
- 2) Renovations
- 3) Replacement by malfunction or damage

- i. Illuminated signs shall have sources of reflective light shielded in such a manner that the same is not visible from the street or adjoining properties. Light from illuminated signs shall not exceed beyond your property line.

At the request of the sign committee members Mr. Abrahamsen said he received a copy of the proposed sign ordinance changes and the language was adequate.

Councilman Berner felt most of the additions in *subsection h* should be moved to *subsection f*. Which stated: f. If a sign, which is conforming, is destroyed it may be rebuilt or repaired to its original condition by obtaining a permit. The members were all in agreement with that revision.

Chairman DeCarlo questioned the definition of renovations. He felt the definition should be more specific. Mr. DaCosta said the intent he felt many members of the committee had to do with a renovation of an existing sign, and not the store.

**Motion** by Mayor Subrizi, seconded by Councilman Berner and carried by all to open the meeting to the public.

Lou Denis, President of the Chamber of Commerce was in favor of a sign ordinance but he felt the light intensity was the most important issue, he also was not in favor of paper signs. He was in favor of the Planning Board allowing LED signs with conditions.

Michael LaGrotta, Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, stated he was asked to be on the subcommittee said he felt any change or renovation to the store should conform to the new sign ordinance otherwise all existing signs were to be grandfathered in.

**Motion** by Mayor Subrizi, seconded by Councilman Berner and carried by all to close the meeting to the public.

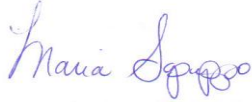
After much discussion it was agreed upon to change the wordage to include any renovations to the sign or the front facade of the building.

### **#12-01 Woodcrest Center/ Care One Developer's Agreement**

Board Attorney said he reviewed the Developer's Agreement from the Borough Attorney. He said he liked points from both developers agreements. It was agreed upon that Board Attorney would have a combined developer's agreement for the next meeting.

As there was no further business to be conducted by the Board, a **motion** to adjourn was offered by Vice Chairwoman Hudak seconded by Councilman Berner and carried by all. Chairman DeCarlo said the next meeting will be a combined meeting and held on June 19, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Sapuppo  
Recording Secretary