



**BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**COMBINED/ PUBLIC & WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

Chairman DeCarlo called the work session of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:36 pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings Act. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman DeCarlo	Present
Mayor Subrizi	Present
Secretary Scavetta	Present
Council Liaison Grant	Present
Vice Chairman Pecci	Present
Mr. Appice	Present
Mr. DaCosta	Present
Mr. Mottola	Present
Mrs. Prisendorf	Present
Mr. Rasulo	Present
Mr. Prendergast, Alt. 2	Present
Mr. Abrahamsen - Attorney	Present
Mrs. Batistic – Engineer	Present

Chairman DeCarlo recused himself from the dais, Vice Chairman Chris Pecci reconvened the meeting. Mr. DeCarlo, 783 Princeton St., 30 years on the fire department explained he was very involved in the updates for the fire department and felt it was appropriate to step down while giving the Board members a courtesy presentation. Mr. DeCarlo said that the fire department had known that both fire departments were in need of expansion and for a long time, and have been approaching the Governing Body over many years. He said there was always an issue whether it be not enough funds, or the economy, etc. to not be able address the issue. He was grateful that this governing body understood the necessity to move along with the renovations of both fire departments.

Robert Connelly, architect who designed New Jersey State Police Barracks and multitude number of police, fire departments and emergency service buildings said he assessed both fire companies, and felt they were significantly deficient. Also, the department was in need of a new fire truck for State compliance.

Mr. Connelly explained to the members that they are proposing a one-story addition for Fire Company #1 located on Center Street. He said they were proposing an “L” shape addition, approximately 16.8’ x 66’ on the left side, and 31’x 23’ in the rear of the existing firehouse. Mr. DeCarlo said currently the gear room is located in the engine room, which is very unsafe. He said the proposed addition would allow a separate gear room, radio room, fitness area, utility

bays, maintenance area and storage area. Councilwoman Grant asked if the 30" maple tree is to be removed. Mr. Connolly said yes. She recommended another tree be planted to comply with the Shade Tree Ordinance.

In answer to Ms. Prisendorf, Mr. Connelly said the kitchen would be expanded. Mr. DeCarlo said the utility bays would store the pontoon boat, which is currently susceptible to the outside elements and possibly vandalism. Fire Officer Dave Stormer was also in attendance to answer any questions the board members had regarding the existing conditions of Fire Company #1. In answer to Mrs. Prisendorf's question, Mr. Stormer and Mr. DeCarlo said the proposed expanded kitchen would be done by fire members due to not enough money in the budget proposal to do the kitchen.

Mr. DeCarlo said Fire Company #2 was going to be a larger renovation due to completely raising the existing fire house, while keeping the engine bay garages. He said the committee wanted the two-story addition to look like it fits into a residential neighborhood. He said they complied with the residential zoning height in keeping the height to 30'. The interior would consist of a lobby, a gear room separate from the engine room, a meeting/training room, kitchen, laundry room, locker/shower room, and maintenance and storage rooms on the first floor. The second floor would consist of a general office, a general office meeting room, an office with 3 desks, another office area with 3 more desks, a male bunk room and female bunk room, and a ready room. The basement will consist of a fitness room, storage room, service counter with kitchenette, a dugout, toilet room and sprinkler/ I.T. room.

In answer Ms. Scavetta, Mr. DeCarlo said the building is going to be built for future expansion, currently there are not any females in the fire department but they wanted to include a separate bunk area for them. In answer to if the bunks are necessary, Mr. DeCarlo said during hurricane Floyd and the nor'easter of 2007 the firemen had nowhere to sleep while they were doing 24-hour shifts while mandating a radio room. He said the bunk rooms were a necessity.

Mr. DeCarlo said in February the Mayor and Council approved \$554, 850.00 for Company #1 and \$1, 4550.00 for Company #2. Mr. DeCarlo said Company #1 currently had approximately 27 members and Company #2 had 34 members, not including Junior Firemen who were between the ages of 14-18.

Board Engineer said she would like to see a seepage pit added to comply with the storm water management plan. Mr. Connolly asked if she could do the drainage calculations. She agreed.

A poll was taken to recommend to Governing Body on moving ahead with the Fire Department's renovation plans, and asked the secretary to draft a letter advising the Mayor and Council of the Planning Board member recommendation of incorporating to replace the tree that is going to be taken down and to comply with the storm water management plan in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendations.

Mayor Subrizi thanked all the planning board members for attending the Council meeting for the Brunetti proposal.

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

As there was no further business to be conducted by the Board, a **motion** to adjourn was offered by Celeste Scavetta seconded by Frank Mottola, and carried by all. Chairman DeCarlo said the next meeting will be held on October 22, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the upstairs conference room and directed the secretary to notice it as a combined meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Sapuppo  
Recording Secretary