

# NEW MILFORD PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC/REORGANIZATION SESSION

## **JANUARY 20, 2015**

Chairman DeCarlo called the Reorganization Meeting of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:35 p.m. The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings Act. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2014 ROLL CALL:

Chairman DeCarlo Present
Mayor Subrizi Present

Secretary Scavetta Present (7:55pm)

Council Liaison Grant Absent Vice Chairman Pecci **Present** Mr. Appice Absent Mr. DaCosta Absent Mr. Mottola Absent Mrs. Prisendorf **Present** Mr. Tsakalis, Alt. 1 Present Mr. Prendergast, Alt. 2 Present

Mr. Abrahamsen - Attorney Excused Mrs. Batistic – Engineer Excused

#### **REORGANIZATION – 2015**

All offices and committees from 2014 were dissolved. Mr. DeCarlo thanked the members for their dedication to the Board and the town. Mr. DeCarlo officially welcomed the new members, Councilman Colucci.

Mayor Subrizi was in receipt of the oaths of allegiance. She swore in Angelo DeCarlo, Chris Pecci and James Prendergast. They were advised to stand and recite, then sign the oaths. Everyone applauded, congratulated the returning members.

Chris Pecci called for nominations for the position of Planning Board Chairperson. Councilman Colucci nominated Angelo DeCarlo; Mrs. Prisendorf seconded said nomination, which was carried by all. As there were no other nominations, Mr. DeCarlo was elected to the position of Planning Board Chairman. Everyone applauded. The Chairman wished the Board a Happy New Year, and thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. He said he was looking forward to working with the Board and enjoyed serving as Chairman for the Board.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mayor Subrizi nominated Chris Pecci; Mrs. Prisendorf seconded said nomination, which was carried by all. As there were no other nominations Mr. Pecci was elected to the position of Vice-Chairman. Everyone applauded. The Chairman explained how it was important for the Vice Chair to run the meeting in the event of his absence or if he would have to recuse himself from an application. Mr. Pecci thanked the board.

#### 2015 ROLL CALL:

Chairman DeCarlo Present Mayor Subrizi Present

Secretary Scavetta Present (8:00)

Council Liaison Colucci Present Vice Chairman Pecci Present Mr. Appice Absent Mr. DaCosta Absent Mr. Mottola Absent Mrs. Prisendorf Present Mr. Tsakalis, Alt. 1 Present Mr. Prendergast, Alt. 2 Present

## **APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESIONALS**

The Chairman asked for nominations for Board Planner. He asked the Mayor to advise the board as to the Mayor and Council appointment of Phillips, Priess, Grygeil, LLC, 33-41 Newark Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor –Suite D, Hoboken, NJ. Mayor Subrizi said she would recommend the appointment of Paul Grygeil to keep consistent for continuity. Chairman DeCarlo also recommended Mr. Grygiel as he did a fantastic job with the Master Plan Re-examination report and keeping the Board abreast of all the current issues regarding Planning. Councilman Colucci nominated Phillips, Priess, Grygeil, Mrs. Prisendorf seconded said nomination which was carried by all. As there were no other nominations Phillips, Priess, Grygeil was elected to the position of Board Planner.

The Chairman asked the Mayor to advise the board with regard to the Borough Engineer and if the Mayor and Council reappointed Boswell Engineer. Mayor Subrizi stated that Boswell Engineer in particular Margita Batistic had a three year contract. Chairman DeCarlo advised the Board that Mrs. Batistic has been serving the Board for over ten years and he would recommend her being reappointed to the Board. Mrs. Prisendorf nominated Boswell Engineer for Board Engineer, seconded by Vice Chairman Pecci and carried by all. As there were no other nominations Margita Batistic from Boswell Engineer was appointed as Board Engineer.

The Chairman explained to the Board that there were two RFQ submissions for Board Attorney. Mayor Subrizi advised the Board that Marc Leibman served as Borough Attorney and felt he would be the best candidate for Planning Board Attorney. Joanne Prisendorf recommended Marc Leibman as Board Attorney she felt the Board needed someone new who was well informed on the RC Zone and Borough business. She felt Mr. Leibman would be a good fit for

the Board. Chairman DeCarlo also felt someone new to the Board would give different views and opinions. Councilman Colucci nominated Marc Leibman from Kaufman, Semeraro & Leibman as Board Attorney, Mrs. Prisendorf seconded said nomination. As there were no other nominations Marc Leibman was appointed to represent the Planning Board as Board Attorney.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Official Minutes**

July 22, 2014 Minutes

**Motion** by Mayor Subrizi, seconded by Theo Tsakalis to approve the July 22, 2014 minutes as submitted.

September 23, 2014 Minutes

**Motion** by Vice Chairman Pecci, seconded by Theo Tsakalis to approve the September 23, 2014 minutes as submitted.

### **2015 Schedule of Meetings**

After much discussion it was agreed upon to add November 24, 2015 to the schedule of meetings due to the League of Municipalities being on November 17, 2015.

**Motion** by Vice Chairman Pecci, seconded by Mayor Subrizi, and carried by all, to approve the schedule of meetings for 2015.

#### Planning and Zoning Board 2014 End of the Year Reports

Chairman DeCarlo said that it is required for the board to review the Zoning Board applications to see if there is a consistent pattern of variances and if ordinances would have to be reviewed. Chairman DeCarlo asked the members to review the applications for the next planning board meeting.

As there was no further business, a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was offered by Mayor Subrizi, seconded by Secretary Scavetta and carried by all. Chairman DeCarlo said the next Planning Board meeting would be on February 17, 2015. January 27, 2015 meeting was cancelled as there was nothing on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Board Recording Secretary

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