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## **BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD**

### **PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES Reorganization**

**January 21, 2020**

Board attorney Mr. Arthur Neiss administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Tina DeLucia, Councilwoman Hedy Grant, Councilman Ira Grotsky and newly appointed member Nicholas Ramirez. Mr. Tomy Thomas was absent and will be sworn in at a later date.

Chairman DeCarlo called the meeting of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:35 pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meeting Act, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Mr. Howard Berner, Ms. Kerri Capasso, Mr. John DaCosta, Councilwoman Hedy Grant, Councilman Ira Grotsky, Mr. Frank Mottola, Ms. Tina DeLucia, Mr. Arthur Neiss – Atty., and Chairman Angelo DeCarlo, Jr. **Absent:** Ms. Joanne Prisendorf, Mr. Tomy Thomas **Excused:** Mr. Paul Grygiel – Planner, Kevin Boyer – Engineer.

Chairman DeCarlo welcomed everyone back. Mr. Nicholas Ramirez was welcomed as our new member to the board and was informed of the mandatory training class.

Chairman DeCarlo dissolved all standing committees and offices, he thanked everyone for their service.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Mottola who requested nominations for chairman. Mr. Berner nominated Angelo DeCarlo for chairman and was second by Ms. DeLucia. With no other nomination Mr. Mottola closed nominations, requested a voice vote. With all in favor and none opposed the motion passed with Mr. Angelo DeCarlo, Jr. Chairman.

Chairman DeCarlo then entertained a motion to nominate a vice chair. Councilwoman Grant nominated Frank Mottola second by Ms. Capasso. With no other nominations Chairman DeCarlo closed the nominations. Chairman DeCarlo requested a voice vote, with all in favor and none opposed the motion passed with Mr. Frank Mottola Vice Chairman.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Mr. Howard Berner, Ms. Kerri Capasso, Mr. John DaCosta, Councilwoman Hedy Grant, Councilman Ira Grotsky, Mr. Frank Mottola, Ms. Tina DeLucia, Mr. Nicholas

Ramirez, Mr. Arthur Neiss and Chairman Angelo DeCarlo, Jr. **Absent:** Ms. Joanne Prisendorf, Mr. Tomy Thomas. **Excused:** Mr. Paul Grygiel – Planner, Kevin Boyer – Engineer.

**Review RFQ's and appoint professionals** – As there was only one respondent Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to accept the credentials and accept Mr. Arthur Neiss as board attorney. Motion made by Ms. DeLucia second Councilwoman Grant, all in favor none opposed the motion passed.

The next appointment – Planner, Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to maintain Mr. Paul Grygiel. Motion made by Councilwoman Grant second Ms. Capasso, all in favor none opposed the motion passed.

Chairman DeCarlo informed the board three RFQ's were received by Mayor and Council, Boswell, Maser and Costa. In the past we have stayed with their choice but we are an independent board and can choose our own. Councilman Grotsky gave some insight on the Mayor and Council's decision to retain Maser. After discussion members agreed continuity is important. Councilman Grotsky made a motion to accept Maser Consulting as the planning board engineer second Councilwoman Grant, all in favor none opposed the motion passed.

**Minutes – October 22, 2019:** Ms. DeLucia made a motion to accept the minutes as printed second Mr. Berner. All in favor, none opposed, abstained: Councilwoman Grant, Ms. Capasso, Mr. Mottola and Mr. Ramirez; motion passed.

**November 26, 2019:** Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adopt as printed, motion made by Councilwoman Grant second Ms. Capasso. All in favor, none opposed, abstained Mr. DaCosta and Mr. Ramirez.

Chairman DeCarlo went over the use of borough emails. Mr. Neiss explained the Open Public Meetings Act including all discussions are to be during meetings only.

Let the record reflect there are no members of the public present.

Chairman DeCarlo reconstituted the By-Law committee with Councilwoman Grant and Mr. Mottola and the application committee consisting of Ms. Capasso, Mr. Grygiel and the engineer.

Mr. Paul Grygiel will be requested to attend the next meeting.

The January 28, 2020 meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be February 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Councilman Grotsky second Ms. Capasso at 8:15, all in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa C. Sereno