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BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES VIRTUAL MEETING October 20, 2020

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Howard Berner, Councilwoman Hedy Grant, Councilman Ira Grotzky, Mr. Frank Mottola, Mr. Tomy Thomas, Ms. Tina DeLucia Alt. 1, Mr. Nicholas Ramirez Alt. 2, Mr. Arthur Neiss – Atty., Mr. Kevin Boyer – Engineer and Chairman Angelo DeCarlo. **Absent:** Ms. Kerri Capasso, Mr. John DaCosta, Ms. Joanne Prisendorf **Excused:** Mr. Paul Grygiel – Planner

Minutes: Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adopt the August 25 minutes as printed. Councilman Grotzky made the motion second by Ms. DeLucia all in favor none opposed. Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adopt the September 15 minutes as printed. Ms. DeLucia made the motion second by Mr. Mottola all in favor none opposed.

Application #20-01: Memorialization of site plan and variance approval, Bank of America, 904 River Road. Mr. Neiss indicated the resolution was thoroughly vetted and includes recommendations from the board and circuit breakers from Ms. Hickey.

A correction was noted Historical Preservation Committee should be Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Boyer spoke with Mr. Cahill, DPW Director, in reference to the removal of the PSE&G light pole to be removed from the bank property. Mr. Cahill has made that request directly with PSE&G.

Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adopt the resolution as corrected. Ms. DeLucia made the motion Mr. Thomas second it. Roll call: In favor – Mr. Berner, Councilwoman Grant, Councilman Grotzky, Mr. Mottola, Mr. Thomas, Ms. DeLucia, Chairman DeCarlo; opposed – none

Ordinance: to follow up Chairman DeCarlo spoke with Maureen Oppelaar, zoning board secretary. The board of adjustment is reviewing the fee schedule and will make recommendations. It is expected these will be reviewed by the planning board.

Chairman DeCarlo shared the sad news of Artie Castranova's passing. He was a longstanding member of the planning board and was served in many areas within the town.

Noted, there has been no members of the public present at this meeting.

Mr. Mottola brought up an issue of residential lighting that extends into neighbors' property including into the home itself. Mr. Boyer suggested this may be a property maintenance issue.

He would have to check the ordinances. The board can recommend a change if needed to the Mayor and Council.

A question of a resolution needing to be adopted by this board in reference to remote meeting protocols was brought by Mr. Mottola. Councilpersons Grotsky and Grant indicated the Mayor and Council just adopted it. All boards that meet publicly should adopt this. Mr. Neiss had forwarded information to the chairman and recording secretary. Councilman Grotsky instructed it must be read at the meeting and included in the information read in the Open Public Meeting Act. Mr. Neiss will have a resolution ready for the next meeting.

The next public meeting is scheduled November 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
The October 27 meeting is cancelled.

There being no further business Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Mottola second Councilwoman Grant at 8:30 p.m., all in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa C. Sereno