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BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD

PLANNING BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 26, 2021

Chairman Mottola called the meeting of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:36 pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meeting Act, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Arthur Neiss administered the oath of office to Jeffrey Forster.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ms. Tina DeLucia, Mr. Jeffrey Forster, Councilperson Hedy Grant, Councilperson Ira Grotsky, Mr. Tomy Thomas, Mr. Nicholas Ramirez, Mr. Arthur Neiss – Atty., and Chairman Frank Mottola. **Absent:** Ms. Kerri Capasso, Mr. Jim McCarten, Ms. Casey Hittel. **Excused:** Mr. John DaCosta, Mr. Kevin Boyer – Eng., Mr. Paul Grygiel – Planner

Chairman Mottola welcomed Mr. Forster

Minutes: June 22 – Chairman Mottola asked if there were any modifications. There being none Chairman Mottola entertained a motion to accept as printed. Motion made by Ms. Tina DeLucia second Ms. Chairperson Grant All favor, none opposed. Abstained: Mr. Nicholas Ramirez, Mr. Jeffrey Forster

Communications – email which originated from Kerry Kirk Pflugh of the NJDEP to Mayors and Municipal Officials through Christine Demiris indicating the inclusion of a climate change related hazard vulnerability assessment to the land use plan element of the master plan. Paul Grygiel responded by email indicating our next reexamination is due in 2024.

Old Business:

Application form – all information including Mr. Neiss’s changes will be sent to Nicholas Ramirez, Kerry Capasso and our planner and engineer for review, comments and changes.

New Business:

Ordinance 2021:20 – D26A review as required to determine it is not inconsistent with the master plan. Amending the borough’s land use ordinance to include the state mandated changes for electric vehicle charging stations. Mr. Neiss and Mr. Grygiel provided memos on this review. Mr. Neiss indicated the ordinance comes from DCA and very little can be changed.

Councilperson Grant indicated the cost of charging was added to the ordinance which is permissible. There being no further question/discussion Chairman Mottola entertained a motion that the ordinance is not inconsistent with the master plan, motion made by Councilperson Grotsky second Ms. DeLucia. In favor: Ms. Tina DeLucia, Mr. Jeffrey Forster, Councilperson Hedy Grant, Councilperson Ira Grotsky, Mr. Tomy Thomas, Mr. Nicholas Ramirez and Chairperson Mottola. Opposed: none Abstain: none

2022 Schedule of Meeting Dates – Chairperson Mottola indicated this would formally be adopted at the Reorg meeting on January 18, 2022. He asked all to review and bring anything to our next meeting.

Committee Reports – none

Other Business – Chairman Mottola asked if there is an update on the fees include in the land use ordinance. There was some discussion whether the fees are administrative or are subject to D26 review.

Public comments – there are no members of the public present.

There being no further business Chairman Mottola entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Thomas second by Councilperson Grant at 8:25 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa C. Sereno