

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairman Tom Bolger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Oldford said this is a regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Greenwich. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in that a Notice was published in *The Express Times and the Star Ledger*. Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building in Greenwich Township, New Jersey, and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce Williams, Mike Black, Barry Glassman, Cathie Cullen, Charlie Stillman, Doris Rayna, Tim Gale, Tom Bolger

Absent: Elaine Emiliani, Debbie Pasquarelli, Frank Marchetta

Professionals: Jonathan Drill, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2011, was made by Bruce Williams and seconded by Barry Glassman

Members in favor: Bruce Williams, Mike Black, Barry Glassman, Cathie Cullen, Doris Rayna, Tim Gale, Tom Bolger

Abstain: Charlie Stillman

PUBLIC HEARING

Amended Land Use Plan Element

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Barry Glassman and seconded by Charlie Stillman with all members in concurrence on voice vote.

Mr. Drill noted there are two members of the public in attendance: Josh Drill and Joseph Tauriello.

Mr. Drill explained the amendment is a minor amendment to bring the 2006 Land Use Plan element of the Master Plan into consistency with the Open Space and Recreation Plan element and the Conservation plan element of the Master Plan, both of which were adopted in June.

The proposed changes to the Land Use Plan element are found on pages 28 and 29, which enumerate an expanded list of scenic corridors. Finally, the amendment incorporates the up-dated scenic corridor map that was included in the Open Space and Recreation Plan element and the Conservation plan element.

Public questions were invited. None were forthcoming.

Mr. Drill confirmed that notice was properly given of the hearing in accordance with law and he read a proposed resolution adopting the amended Land Use Plan element of the Master Plan.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Bruce Williams and seconded by Mike Black. All members concurred on voice vote.

Motion to adopt resolution amending the land use plan element of the master plan was made by Barry Glassman and seconded by Doris Rayna.

Members in favor: Bruce Williams, Mike Black, Barry Glassman, Cathie Cullen, Charlie Stillman, Doris Rayna, Tim Gale, Tom Bolger

OLD BUSINESS

Letter from Heritage Conservancy requests support of Musconetcong Valley acquisition.

Dawn Marie Kondas addressed the Board on behalf of the Environmental Commission regarding the letter request from Heritage Conservancy.

She explained that Heritage Conservancy partners with Townships to purchase properties to protect and promote open space, farmland preservation and historic preservation. Pohatcong Valley and Musconetcong River are the current focus. Ms. Kondas emphasized that an effort is made to encourage inter-practical uses for historical buildings.

She pointed out that Heritage Conservancy can target properties that do not fit hard and fast rules for preservation.

They seek a letter of recommendation to continue their conservation efforts. They have support from Warren, Morris and Hunterdon Counties plus many municipalities. Typically the Planning Board makes the recommendation by signing the letter.

In addition, the Planning Board can recommend to the Committee to extend their support.

Motion to sign the letter was made by Barry Glassman and seconded by Tim Gale.

Members in favor: Bruce Williams, Mike Black, Barry Glassman, Cathie Cullen, Charlie Stillman, Doris Rayna, Tim Gale, Tom Bolger

Motion to recommend that the Township Committee add its support was made by Bruce Williams and seconded by Tim Gale.

Members in favor: Bruce Williams, Mike Black, Barry Glassman, Cathie Cullen, Charlie Stillman, Doris Rayna, Tim Gale, Tom Bolger

NEW BUSINESS

August meeting is canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Black and seconded by Barry Glassman with members in concurrence on voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved September 12, 2011.

Alice Oldford,
Secretary to the Board