

Knowlton Township Planning Board
Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2017

There was a regular meeting of the Knowlton Township Planning Board on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Chairman Taylor led the Board in the flag salute at 7:33 p.m. He announced that adequate notice of the meeting has been provided in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" by publishing notice of all regularly scheduled meetings in the Star Gazette and Express Times, as well as providing said schedule in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Present: Taylor, Glynn, Starrs, Drake, Murray, Cuntala, Costantino, and Smith

Absent: Bromm, Tironi and Prosser

Also Present: Thayer, Bloch, and Rodman

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cuntala made the motion to adopt the minutes of January 24, 2017. Motion seconded by Ms. Murray. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Costantino-Abstain, Starrs-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Memorializing Resolutions:

#16-002 TA of America, Block 12, Lot 11.01, 11.02

Chairman Taylor recused himself and sat in the audience. Mr. Smith will chair this portion of the meeting. It was noted that there is a person from the public that has a question.

The hearing was then opened to the public:

Lewis Weber, neighboring property owner, stated a concern over the notice that was provided as he was not aware that a variance that was going to be granted for the location of the tank. He stated that he would like to have more time to research his concerns over contamination and clean-up. Board Attorney Thayer stated that the Board has already taken action on this matter and the Resolution is only memorializing the action taken by the Board. He stated that there was testimony provided at the hearing. Mr. Weber stated that he could not stay for the entire meeting and he is worried about contamination. Board Attorney Thayer stated that the Board is not able to reconsider the application at this stage. Mayor Starrs stated that any information that the Township has is available to the public. The Board discussed the proposal and Board Attorney Thayer reviewed the notice that was provided and he stated that the notice is adequate. The appeal procedure was also briefly discussed.

Bob McNinch asked how much it would cost to defend an appeal. Board Attorney Thayer stated that he cannot estimate a cost.

Bill Clifford commented on having Emergency Services review the matter, which was addressed by Board Attorney Thayer.

In a motion made and seconded the meeting was closed to the public.

The Board then went on to review the draft Resolution at great length in regards to the proposal and several modifications were discussed and reviewed. Board Attorney Thayer reviewed the suggested modifications for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Cuntala made the motion to adopt the Resolution as modified and discussed this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Glynn. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Abstain, Costantino-Abstain, and Starrs-Abstain.

Chairman Taylor resumed his position on the Board.

Other:

Ms. Murray asked if the Board can request submissions electronically. The Board agreed that they can request it, if it is available.

The Board then discussed the procedure, what is required during the hearing, during deliberations, and requesting that the matter be carried, if additional time is required. They also discussed outside agency approvals.

Open to the Public:

Chairman Taylor opened the meeting to the public. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

Payment of Vouchers:

Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Ms. Costantino. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Costantino-Yes, and Starrs-Yes.

Adjournment:

In a motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
6/20/17