

# Knowlton Township Planning Board

## Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

There was the regular meeting of the Knowlton Township Planning Board on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, held via Zoom. 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 NJ Herald and Express Times-NJ Zone Edition, as well as providing said schedule to the Municipal Clerk. A moment of silence was held for our Military Personnel serving in harm's way.

### **Roll call:**

**Present:** Smith, Taylor, Glynn, Drake, Prosser (arriving at 7:37 p.m.), Cuntala, Bromm, Starrs, and Murray

**Absent:** Costantino and Tironi,

**Also Present:** Gavan, Bloch, Snyder, and Rodman

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Glynn made the motion to adopt the minutes of August 25, 2020. Motion seconded by Ms. Cuntala. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Starrs-Abstain, Cuntala-Yes, Bromm-Yes, Murray-Yes, Smith-Abstain, and Taylor-Yes.

### **Open to the Public**

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

### **Other Planning Board Business:**

#### **Master Plan-Public Hearing on the Master Plan Reexamination Report**

Ms. Prosser arrived. Chairman Taylor stated that the Board is holding a public hearing tonight on the Master Plan Reexamination Report. The hearing was opened to the public: Mr. McNinch was present and thanked the task force on their work in preparing the Master Plan Reexamination Report. He then made comments pertaining to: the Environmental Rights Ordinance, a Build Out Analysis, and Farmland Preservation, which were discussed and reviewed with the Board. Both Ms. Cuntala and Mayor Starrs stated that they felt that a Build Out Analysis was not necessary at this time. Mayor Starrs thanked everyone for their hard work.

Chairman Taylor asked if there was any further public comment. With there being no further public comment, the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. Bromm made the motion to adopt the Master Plan. Motion seconded by Ms. Murray. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Starrs-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Bromm-Yes, Murray-Yes, Smith-Yes, Prosser-Yes, and Taylor-Yes

#### **Draft Lighting Ordinance**

The Board discussed at great length the two Lighting Ordinances prepared by Board Planner Bloch and Zoning Officer Snyder and the procedure that the Governing Body may take in adopting either of the Ordinances. Zoning Officer Snyder asked that Committee consider adopting the Ordinance that he prepared and then the Ordinance could be revisited, in the future, if needed. Chairman Taylor stated that both Mayor Starrs and Committeeperson Cuntala can take the Board comments and tonight's discussion, into consideration, in how to move forward.

**Model Storm water Ordinance**

Board Engineer Rodman briefly reviewed what was recently distributed, which the Board discussed. It was agreed to review the information more closely. Ms. Murray also provided her comments in regards to a webinar that she recently attended. She stated that she would like to review the Watershed Institute information. Board Engineer Rodman invited Board Members to send him any additional information, as the Ordinance needs to be addressed soon.

**Other:**

Chairman Taylor stated that he understands that there is still a concern over truck idling, which was discussed. Zoning Officer Snyder stated that he will review the approved site plans and address possible violations. He also reviewed truck parking and truck storage, which was discussed. Mayor Starrs stated that the Governing Body has agreed to look into the Zoning Board of Adjustment recommendations.

**Payment of Vouchers:**

Mr. Bromm made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. Glynn. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Starrs-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Bromm-Yes, Murray-Yes, Smith-Yes, Prosser-Yes, and Taylor-Yes

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**Adjournment:**

In a motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm  
Board Secretary  
10/26/20