

Knowlton Township Planning Board

Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

There was the reorganization and regular meeting of the Knowlton Township Planning Board on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Glenn Gavan led the Board in the flag salute at 7:30 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 NJ Herald, as well as providing said schedule in the Municipal Clerk's Office. A moment of silence was held for our Military Personnel serving in harm's way.

Swearing in of New/Reappointed Members

The oaths of office were administered to Cuntala, Drake, Costantino, and Taylor prior to the meeting.

Roll call:

Present: Costantino, Taylor, Glynn, Murray, Bromm, Drake, Cuntala, Tironi, and Smith

Absent: Prosser and Starrs

Also Present: Gavan, Bloch, and Rodman

Reorganization:

Election of Chairman

Attorney Gavan called for a nomination for the election of a Chairman. Mr. Glynn made the motion to nominate Clayton Taylor as Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. With there being no other nominations, a roll call vote, was taken: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Taylor called for a nomination for the election of a Vice Chairman. Mr. Glynn nominated David Smith as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Tironi. With there being no further nominations, a roll call vote, was taken: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Appointment of Board Professionals

Mr. Glynn made the motion to appoint the Board Professionals as per the prepared Resolution: Attorney Glenn Gavan, Engineer Ted Rodman, and Planner Dan Bloch. Motion seconded by Ms. Costantino. Roll Call Vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Appointment of Board Secretary

Mr. Glynn made the motion to appoint Alfia Schemm, as the Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Designation of Meeting Dates, Time, and Place

Mr. Smith made the motion to designate the Meeting dates as per the prepared schedule, 7:30 p.m., at the Knowlton Township Municipal Building. Motion seconded

by Ms. Costantino. Roll Call Vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Designation of Official Newspaper

Ms. Cuntala made the motion to designate the Official Newspapers, same as the Governing Body (NJ Herald and Star Gazette). Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Planning Board Rules Acceptance

Mr. Bromm made the motion to adopt the Planning Board Rules. Motion seconded by Ms. Cuntala. Discussion on the motion: Board Secretary Schemm noted that #14 should be amended to reflect the current newspapers. Roll Call Vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cuntala made the motion to adopt the minutes of October 22, 2019. Motion seconded by Ms. Costantino. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Smith-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Abstain, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Abstain, and Taylor-Yes.

Other Planning Board Business:

Master Plan Discussion

The Board watched a TED presentation and then went on to review and discuss the Draft Master Plan. It was agreed that any grammatical/typographical corrections could be sent directly to Board Planner Bloch. The Board then went on to discuss the content of the Plan. Several modifications were noted and Board Planner Bloch stated that he will look into the figures for the Open Public Land/Open Space. Mr. Bromm stated that the subcommittee, in their review, found goals and objectives that remained unmet, unrealized, or not acted upon. He stated they tried to become more focused on how to achieve some degree of success in meeting some of the goals and objectives. He also stated that the draft Wastewater Management Plan has not been adopted and the Township should check on the status. Ms. Murray offered to assist the Township in that matter. The Board also discussed the uses/zoning/economic growth in Columbia. The Board continued to discuss the draft and the procedure in adopting the Plan. It was agreed that comments should be sent to Board Planner Bloch so that a final draft could be prepared for the next meeting, with a public hearing in March. The Board continued to discuss the draft Plan.

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, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Abstain, Cuntala-Yes, Murray-Yes, Bromm-Abstain, and Taylor-Yes.

Adjournment:

In a motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
2/18/20