

Knowlton Township Planning Board
Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

There was the regular meeting of the Knowlton Township Planning Board on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Chairman Taylor 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 to the Star Ledger and in the Municipal Clerk’s Office. A moment of silence was held for our Military Personnel in harm's way.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Bromm

Also Present: Rodman

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cuntala made the motion to adopt the minutes of June 25, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Glynn. Discussion on the motion: Board Secretary Schemm noted a correction on the attendance. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Murray-Abstain, Cuntala-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Smith-Abstain, Starrs-Yes, Prosser-Abstain, and Taylor-Yes.

Other Business:

Board Attorney for 2020

Chairman Taylor stated that the Board was advised that Laddey, Clark, and Ryan will be unavailable to represent the Board in 2020. The Board reviewed the letter of interest that they received from Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, recommending Richard Wenner. The Board discussed the possibility of a conflict and it was suggested that the Board contact the firm to see if there was another Attorney that could represent the Board. The Board also agreed to post the position on the League of Municipalities website.

Mr. Glynn made the motion to post an ad on the League of Municipalities website, not to exceed \$300.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Tironi. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Murray-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Smith-Yes, Starrs-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Master Plan Update

Mr. Drake stated that the subcommittee had two meetings, with a lot of discussion, and several issues to review. The Maser bill was discussed and the areas, of the Master Plan, that the Planner would focus on. Mr. Drake spoke about the Certified Local Government program, which was discussed. The Board also discussed the timing in having a final document for adoption, with or without the historical element being done. Ms. Murray summarized the subcommittee review and recommendations, which were discussed with the Board. The Board also discussed the last Reexamination Report and the prior older adopted Master Plan documents. They went on to discuss vacant lots, agro tourism, development in neighboring municipalities, and copying/scanning the older adopted Master Plan documents.

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:

The Board discussed the Maser voucher. Mr. Tironi made the motion to hold the Maser voucher, pending a detailed itemization/breakdown of the charges. Motion seconded by Ms. Murray. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Murray-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Smith-Yes, Starrs-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Ms. Costantino made the motion to pay the remaining vouchers. Motion seconded by Mayor Starrs. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Murray-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Tironi-Yes, Smith-Yes, Starrs-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Adjournment:

In a motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
10/18/19