

The January 7, 2008 reorganization meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Chatham was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Joel Jacobson. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read into the record.

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Roll Call

Those present were Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Brower, Mr. Browne, Mr. Caprioglio, Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Ciccarone, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Hagner, Mr. Hurring and Mrs. Kenny. Board professionals present were planner Mr. Banisch, engineer Mr. Rushcke and attorney Mr. Robertson.

Minutes

A change was requested to the minutes of November 26, 2007. Mr. Brower moved to approve the amended minutes and Mrs. Chambers seconded, with all in favor.

A change was requested to the minutes of December 17, 2007. Mr. Browne moved to approve the amended minutes and Mr. Brower seconded, with all in favor.

Oath of Office

Mr. Robertson asked reappointed members, Bailey Brower, Tom Ciccarone and Jack Hurring and new member Nicole Hagner, to take the oath of office.

Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Jacobson opened nominations for chairperson; Mrs. Chambers nominated Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Ciccarone seconded. There were no other nominations and Mr. Jacobson's nomination was approved. Mr. Jacobson nominated Mrs. Chambers as Vice Chairperson and Mr. Caprioglio seconded.

There were no other nominations and Mrs. Chambers' nomination was approved. Mr. Ciccarone nominated Mr. Cohn as Secretary and Mr. Jacobson seconded. There were no other nominations and Mr. Cohn's nomination was approved.

Resolutions

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to nominate the firm Miller Robertson and Rogers to be the Planning Board attorney for the 2008 calendar year; Mr. Brower seconded, with all in favor.

Mr. Brower made a motion to nominate John Ruschke and Hatch, Mott McDonald as consulting engineer to the Planning Board; Mr. Ciccarone seconded, with all in favor.

Mr. Brower moved to nominate Frank Banisch, as the planning consultant to the Board; Mr. Cohn seconded, with all in favor.

Mr. Jacobson moved to nominate Kali Tsimboukis as Planning Board Manager; Mr. Brower seconded, with all in favor. Mrs. Chambers nominated Kathy Hollerith as Recording Secretary; Mr. Jacobson seconded, with all in favor.

Mr. Jacobson stated the Board had approved the meeting schedule at the December 17, 2007 meeting of the Planning Board.

Mr. Jacobson referred to the Resolution designating newspapers and fixing charges for notices of public meetings of the Planning Board during 2008 being the *Chatham Courier* and the *Morris County Daily Record*. Mr. Ciccarone moved to accept and Mr. Jacobson seconded, with all in favor.

Applications

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Mrs. Chambers was appointed Temporary Chairperson, as Mr. Jacobson resides within 200' of the property under discussion.

Mrs. Chambers informed the Board that the Applicant has requested the application be withdrawn. After discussion the ramifications of the application being withdrawn or denied, Mr. Ciccarone moved to grant the request for withdrawal, subject to the payment of outstanding bills on the escrow account. Mr. Brower seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion

Mr. Jacobson reviewed the business in front of the Board.

Mr. Jacobson asked Mr. Robertson to check with Mr. Osmun on the status of the Majmudar application, as the hearing is scheduled for February 4, 2008. Mr. Cohn asked if it was permissible to schedule a second site visit, because of the changes to the plans. Mr. Banisch stated he would give the Board a memo outlining his recommendations to the Applicant.

COAH

Mr. Banisch briefly reviewed the changes in the COAH and growth share requirements and indicated the Township's responsibility has increased substantially. After involved discussion, it was determined there would be a two-step plan: the first step would involve a meeting of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Banisch, Mr. Ciccarone and Township attorney Mr. Woodward. Following that meeting, a presentation would be made to the Board. The subcommittee would need to determine if they should participate in the comment period with the State.

It was determined that the presentation to the Board would be conducted at the February 4, 2008 meeting. Mr. Browne will postpone his report on the Land Use Element until February 25, 2008.

Mr. Jacobson asked if there were any topics Board members would like to review in the coming year. Mr. Brower questioned the status of the filing system; Mr. Robertson will check on it. Mr. Banisch brought up the subject of historic preservation; it was determined that the Township Committee would be the initiator.

There being no further business, the January 7, 2008 reorganization meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Chatham was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Hollerith
Recording Secretary