

Newton Planning Board
January 16, 2013
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Newton Planning Board took place on the above date. Chairman Le Frois read the Open Public Meetings Act and requested Mrs. Citterbart to call the roll. Kathy Citterbart, Board Secretary, stated there was a quorum.

OATH OF OFFICE

Neil Flaherty – Regular Member
Melissa Logan- Alternate Member #1
David Steinberg – Alternate Member #3

FLAG SALUTE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Mr. Steinberg and Chairman Le Frois

EXCUSED: Mr. Russo and Mr. Hardmeyer

PROFESSIONALS PRESENT: David Soloway, Esq., Board Attorney, of Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider, David B. Simmons, Board Engineer of Harold E. Pellow & Associates and Jessica Caldwell, PP. of J. Caldwell & Associates.

BOARD SECRETARY – Kathy Citterbart, Board Secretary

REORGANIZATION FOR 2013

Mr. Ricciardo made a motion to nominate Mr. Le Frois as Chairman. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion. The floor was open for discussion and then closed. Mr. Le Frois was approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

AYE: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Ms. Logan and Chairman Le Frois

Mr. Tharp made a motion to nominate Mr. Marion as Vice Chairman. Mr. Le Frois seconded the motion. The floor was open for discussion and then closed. Mr. Marion was approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

AYE: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Ms. Logan

Mr. Marion made a motion to nominate Mrs. Citterbart as Board Secretary. Mr. Tharp seconded the motion. The floor was open for discussion and then closed. Mrs. Citterbart was approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

AYE: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, and Chairman Le Frois

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2013

Mrs. Diglio made a motion to nominate Mr. David Soloway, Esq. of Vogel, Chait, Collins, & Schneider as Board Attorney for the year 2013. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion. The floor was open for discussion and then closed. Mr. Soloway was approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

December 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Diglio made a motion to approve the December 19, 2012 minutes with one minor correction. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion.

AYE: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo and Chairman Le Frois

HISTORIC RESOLUTION

None

RESOLUTIONS

2012 Zoning Summary

Mrs. Diglio made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2012 Zoning Summary. Mr. Tharp seconded the motion.

AYE: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Ms. Logan and Chairman Le Frois

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2013-1; Establishing Chapter 243, Tree Protection Ordinance

Mr. Torre asked: Why do they have to go to the length of getting a site plan?

Ms. Caldwell stated: This ordinance will prevent people from cutting down the trees and then coming in for their application. The ordinance applies to lots that are subdivisible into three or more pieces or undeveloped vacant land. They are not trying to get the single family homeowners.

Mr. Soloway stated: This is a proposed ordinance that has been referred to the Board for review of consistency with the Master Plan. The motion would be to find that the proposed ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan and if there are any recommendations.

Mr. Le Frois asked Ms. Caldwell if she feels the ordinance is not inconsistent.

Ms. Caldwell stated: It is not inconsistent.

Mr. Torre made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Mr. Marion seconded the motion.

AYE: Mr. Torre, Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Marion, Mr. Tharp, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Ms. Logan and Chairman Le Frois

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PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ricciardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM with a unanimous "aye" vote. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 20, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Citterbart
Planning Board Secretary