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The regular work session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Unhoch, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Le Frois, Mayor Ricciardo, Town Manager, Eileen Kithcart. Mr. Elvidge was excused.

Mayor Ricciardo read the following declaration that “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this work session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 26, 2007”.

**PATERSON AVENUE DRAFT PLAN (WITH Ross Sheasley)**

Mayor Ricciardo introduced Jennifer Credidio, McManimon & Scotland, representative for the Redevelopment Counsel. Ms. Credidio recapped briefly that last Fall the Town Council identified areas within the Town of Newton to be examined to see if the areas met the criteria set out by local redevelopment housing law as areas in need of redevelopment. Ms. Credidio stated that, after review, the areas did meet the criteria as areas in need of redevelopment. Ms. Credidio then explained the process for moving forward and adoption of the Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Ross Sheasley, A. Nelessen Associates, Inc., introduced himself, and distributed copies the Paterson Avenue Redevelopment Plan to Council. Mr. Sheasley then presented an overview of the Redevelopment Plan, discussing housing units, landscaping, and traffic patterns.

After a lengthy question and answer period, upon the recommendation made by Mayor Ricciardo, a resolution be drawn up to send the draft Paterson Avenue Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for their review and comment.

**LIVE WHERE YOU WORK**

Mrs. Milliken indicated that she and Ms. Kithcart attended a seminar in Trenton entitled, “Live Where You Work.” Mrs. Milliken advised that the

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Live Where You Work program is a home mortgage incentive program that provides low-interest mortgage loans to homebuyers purchasing homes in towns where they are employed. Mrs. Milliken explained the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency will develop municipal incentives for homebuyers, such as credit counseling, partnerships with local lenders and community discount.

After a lengthy discussion, Council requested copies of all materials distributed at the meeting to be placed in their packets for review.

### **SPEED ZONES**

Mrs. Milliken indicated she, Mrs. Kithcart and Sgt. Coppollela attended a meeting with the Sussex County Engineer to discuss speed limits along certain streets within the Town of Newton. Mrs. Milliken stated that there will be an Ordinance coming forward with the new speed limits which will be sent to the State for final approval. Mrs. Milliken also advised the County will be supplying the new speed limit signage.

### **CODIFICATION**

Mrs. Kithcart advised Council that the contract with General Code is under Attorney review.

### **GYPSY MOTH SURVEY**

Ms. Kithcart advised the Town could request a free gypsy moth survey performed by the Department of Agriculture. After a brief discussion, the Governing Body directed Ms. Kithcart to set up the survey for next year.

Ms. Kithcart advised Council of a meeting by the Hampton Township Planning Board will be meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2008. The Deputy Town Manager, Mrs. Milliken will obtain a copy of the Master Plan, review, and advise Council if they need to attend the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Upon motion of Mayor Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and carried, the Town Council went into executive session at 9:05 p.m.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Newton (hereinafter referred to as the "Town Council"), convened a meeting in full compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows a public body to enter executive session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters, and

**WHEREAS**, it has become clear to the Town Council that there is a need to enter executive session to discuss one or more of the exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

**WHEREAS**, this work session meeting of the Town Council will not reconvene;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it will enter executive session to discuss issues related to personnel and litigation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the discussion conducted in executive session by the Newton Town Council shall be disclosed to the public as follows:

**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Kithcart updated Council on other pending personnel issues.

**LITIGATION**

Mrs. Kithcart updated Council on pending litigation issues.

Upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and carried, the Town Council left executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Ricciardo declared the meeting opened to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene M. O'Connor  
Deputy Municipal Clerk