

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES MAY 8TH, 2024

The meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Somerville was called to order by Chairman Bernard Navatto at 7:00 PM and stated that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”.

Board Members Present: Bernard Navatto, Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Lisa Werner, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes and Arthur Akins

Board Members Absent: None

Professional Present: Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer

Professional Absent: Kara Kaczynski, Esq. Board Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Regular Minutes

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Andrea Adair, the regular minutes of March 27th, 2024, and April 24th, 2024 were approved upon a roll call vote with the corrections on page 5 of the April 24th, 2024 minutes correcting the date of meeting notated by Chairman Bernie Navatto.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Lisa Werner, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, and Larry Cleveland

Nay: None

Abstain: Lisa Werner

See transcript.

Resolution

2023-007P

Foundry Holdings, LLC
50 James St, 82 Fairview Ave
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Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Mayor Brian Gallagher, resolution 2023-007P Foundry Holdings, LLC was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Lisa Werner, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

See transcript.

MISC

NJDOT Request for a Resolution of Support
Mid Block Crosswalk Improvements

Discussion was had between board members regarding the NJDOT request. Mayor Brian Gallagher expressed that the communication came to his office and to council for review however he would like the planning board to review and make comments that the board may want to make and take back to NJDOT. Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer continued that he had a speed table that he could share with the board and that he would work with OEM, Board of Engineers, and the Fire Marshall and collaborate at a planning board meeting if possible.

Chairman Comments

None.

Meeting Open to the Public

Chairman Navatto then opened the meeting up to the public. Hearing no comment Chairman Navatto then closed the public session.

Executive Session

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Deidre Rosinski, the Planning Board will be entering into executive session.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Lisa Werner, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, and Larry Cleveland

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Brian Gallagher stated that the board will now go into executive session to discuss 3 RFP Drafts, the board will not be taking any votes or making any decisions. When the board closes the executive session, they will be returning to adjourn.

Upon a motion by Deidre Rosinski, seconded by Mayor Brian Gallagher, the Planning Board closed executive session.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Lisa Werner, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, and Larry Cleveland

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The Executive Session portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Upon a motion by Al Kerestes, seconded by Lisa Werner, the Planning Board re-opened regular session.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, and Lisa Werner

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Al Kerestes, the adjournment of the planning board meeting of May 8th, 2024 , was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The planning board meeting of May 8th, 2024 was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.