PLANNING BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2023

The meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Somerville was called to order by Vice Chair Deirdre Rosinski 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: Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes

Board Members Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Professional Present: Board Attorney, Kara Kaczynski and Board Planner & Engineer, Michael

Oath of Office:

The Oath of Office was administered by Kara Kaczynski, Esq. to the full board.

Reorganization Nominations & Election of Officers/Staff Appointments

Larry Cleveland, seconded by Andria Adair, motioned to nominate Bernard Navatto as Chairperson. The motion carried upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Andria Adair, seconded by Arthur Akins, motioned to nominate Deirdre Rosinski as Vice-Chairperson. The motion carried upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Jason Kraska, seconded by Andria Adair, motioned to nominate Jasmine McCoy as Board Secretary. The motion carried upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Upon a motion by Al Kerestes, seconded by Arthur Akins, Planning Board Resolution PB 23-0111-003 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to McNally, Yaros, Kaczynski, Lime to Serve as 2023 Planning Board Attorney was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Upon a motion by Andria Adair, seconded by Arthur Akins, Planning Board Resolution PB 23-01-11-004 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Cole & Associates to Serves as 2023 Planning Board Engineer & Planner was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

The appointment of a conflict Board Planner and Engineer was carried to the January 25, 2023 meeting.

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Andria Adair, Planning Board Resolution 23-0111-001 scheduling meeting dates for 2023 and January 2024 in Accordance with "Open Public Meeting Act" was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Arthur Akins, Planning Board Resolution 23-0111-002 approving official newspapers the Courier News and, if needed, the Star Ledger as the second official newspaper was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom,

Andria Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Minutes

Upon a motion by Al Kerestes, seconded by Andria Adair, the December 14, 2022 minutes were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Andria Adair, Arthur Akins,

Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Nay: None

Abstain: Councilman Roger Vroom, Christopher Adickes

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

ARB Consideration

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Al Kerestes, Scer Properties located at 57 West Main Street was approved for the Architectural Review Board consideration upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Deirdre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Andria Adair, Arthur Akins,

Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland,

Nay: None

Abstain: Councilman Roger Vroom, Christopher Adickes

Absent: Bernard Navatto, Lisa Werner

Resolutions

Discussion was held on pending violations for 40 Hayes Street, insufficient escrow funds and whether a bond should be required to address outstanding issues.

Amending Resolution #2017-007P, Haynes Street Redevelopment, LLC (A&A Somerville, LLC) located at 40 Hayes Street, was carried to the meeting of January 25, 2023.

Items Not on the Agenda

Vice Chair Deirdre Rosinski thanks the Board for their continued service.

Mayor Dennis Sullivan commended the Board for creating project rather than creating more redevelopment plans.

Executive Session

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Mayor Sulivan, the Board went into executive session for potential litigation.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.