

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES JUNE 28TH, 2023

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, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Andrea Adair, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes, Lisa Werner

Board Members Absent: Councilman Roger Vroom, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska,

Professional Present: Kara Kaczynski, Esq. Board Attorney and Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer

Approval Minutes

Upon a motion by Andrea Adair, seconded by Al Kerestes, the minutes of June 14th, 2023, were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: Deidre Rosinski, Andrea Adair, Lisa Werner

Resolution

Public’s guide to understanding the planning board and zoning board procedures for attending and providing public comments at a board meeting.

Chairman Navatto explained to the board that the *public’s guide to understanding the planning board and zoning board procedures for attending and providing public comments at a board meeting* will be going up on the website and clarified with Board Attorney Kara Kaczynski, Esq. that there would need to be a vote for resolution. Board Attorney Kara Kaczynski, Esq. explained that the board could certainly vote to adopt this resolution.

Deidre Rosinski provided commentary that when she clicked on the provided links, she was directed to the landing page of the borough website and that it would be helpful for these link to take you directly to the appropriate pages instead of having to navigate through the website.

Upon a motion by Lisa Werner, seconded by Andrea Adair, application Public’s Guide was approved with recommendations upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call Aye: Bernard Navatto, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain:

See transcript.

Land Use

Courtesy Review

23-009P

51 Union Ave

B83.01 L1

Chairman Navatto stated that there was supposed to be a courtesy review for the board of education however due to the fact that no representative was present no review would occur.

Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer provided a brief overview of what was submitted regarding elementary school renovation. He also noted that if there are only internal renovations there may not be a need to review.

Board Attorney Kara Kaczynski, Esq stated that she would reach out to a representative from the board of education so that the board can have a clear idea of what is being proposed and make a determination on whether or not a review is necessary.

See Transcript.

Items not on the Agenda

Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer provided an update on a notice received from Bridgewater on a self-storage project on the west bound RT 22 by Vosseller Avenue and Chimney Rock. The notice was provided to the board because it is 129,000 SQ FT storage facility. However, Mr. Cole did not find there to be any impact on Somerville based on the location.

Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer also provided commentary that he has reached out to the community development department of Bridgewater regarding the warehouse project to see what the status is for the project- such as if the project has been deemed completed at this time.

Lastly, Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer provided an update on the warehouse project on M&M on RT 202 that has been approved by Bridgewater.

See transcript.

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Bernie Navatto advised that he has no comments.

Mayor Dennis Sullivan addressed the board to suggest that if they have not been past the Baker and Taylor site, they take a look at a construction project as they are moving quickly with framing, leveling and preparing retaining walls.

Meeting Open to the Public

No comments.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Lisa Werner, seconded by Deidre Rosinski, the adjournment of the planning board meeting of June 28th, 2023, was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Andrea Adair, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Christopher Adickes, Lisa Werner

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.