

## **PLANNING BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

**Board Members Absent:**

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

### **Approval Minutes**

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Councilman Roger Vroom, the minutes of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call      Aye: Bernard Navatto, Councilman Roger Vroom, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

See transcript.

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Andrea Adair, the minutes of November 2023, were approved with corrections requested by Chairman Bernie Navatto upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call      Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Andrea Adair, Jason Kraska, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

See transcript.

## **Resolutions**

23-011P

Somerset Station Urban Renewal, LLC  
South Bridge, Borough of Somerville Landfill Redevelopment Area  
B123.05 L2.03

Upon a motion by Mayor Dennis Sullivan, seconded by Andrea Adair, resolution 23-011P Somerset Station Urban Renewal, LLC, was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call      Aye: Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: Al Kerestes

See transcript.

## **MISC**

Site Plan Waiver Committee  
Somerville Urban Renewal Phase II, LLC  
Second Space Signage

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Al Kerestes, approval of the site plan waiver request for Second Space Signage, was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call      Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland

Nay: None

Abstain: None

## **Items not on the Agenda**

None.

## **Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Bernie Navatto expressed a heart felt thank you to the Planning Board for their hard work and service to the Somerville community. Mayor Dennis Sullivan echoed Bernie's thank you and gratitude to the exemplary board and wished them success in the coming year.

## **Meeting Open to the Public**

Michael Cole, Board Planner and Engineer shared his feedback from attending the warehouse meeting in Bridgewater. The board discussed sending a letter VIA Kara Kaczynski, Esq. Board Attorney expressing thoughts and feelings opposing the application.

## **Executive Session**

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Mayor Dennis Sullivan, the Planning Board will be entering into executive session.

Roll Call      Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Kara Kaczynski, Esq. Board Attorney stated that we will now go into executive session to discuss sub section 8 concerning personnel matters, the board will not be taking any votes or making any decisions. When the board closes executive session, they will be returning to open session solely to adjourn the planning board meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Mayor Dennis Sullivan, the Planning Board entered executive session.

Roll Call      Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Al Kerestes, the Planning Board closed executive session.

Roll Call      Aye: Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The Executive Session portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

See Transcript.

**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Jason Kraska, seconded by Andrea Adair, the adjournment of the planning board meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call      Bernard Navatto, Deidre Rosinski, Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Councilman Roger Vroom, Andrea Adair, Arthur Akins, Jason Kraska, Al Kerestes, Larry Cleveland, Lisa Werner, and Christopher Adickes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The public session portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.