

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
PLANNING BOARD**

MINUTES

September 24, 2020

**Regular Meeting
Virtual - Via Zoom**

Chairman Christopher Garcia opened the September 24, 2020 regular meeting of the West Milford Planning Board, held via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the Legal Notice followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Ada Erik, Councilman Warren Gross, Robert Nolan, James Rogers, Glenn Wenzel, Chairman Christopher Garcia, Alt #1 Michael DeJohn, Alt #2 Michael Chazukow.

Absent: Steven Castronova, Linda Connolly, Geoffrey Syme, Board Attorney Thomas J. Germinario, Board Engineer Paul Ferriero, Board Planner Jessica Caldwell.

Chairman Christopher Garcia requested Michael DeJohn and Michael Chazukow to sit on the Board for the absent Board members, and advised that a quorum was present to hold this regular meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

The public portion was opened by Chairman Christopher Garcia. With no members of the public wishing to address the Board, the public portion was **closed** on a **motion** by Ada Erik with a **second** by Warren Gross.

APPLICATIONS - None.

MEMORIALIZATIONS

Resolution No. 2020-11

FADWA BARAKAT

Major Soil Fill Permit #PB-07-19-01

Block 13001; Lot 4

37 Hearthstone Drive; R-2 Zone

Granted: Major Soil Fill Permit approval, with conditions, for previously importing approximately 533 cubic yards of soil for the purpose of re-grading the subject property for an in-ground pool.

Motion made by Robert Nolan, with a **second** by Ada Erik, to **approve** Resolution No. 2020-11.

Eligible to Vote Roll Call

Yes: Ada Erik, Michael DeJohn, Warren Gross, Robert Nolan, James Rogers, Chairman Christopher Garcia.

No: None.

Motion approved.

NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS

Highlands Sustainable Economic Development Plan – Chairman Christopher Garcia advised that the Board Planner, Jessica Caldwell, has continued to work on the Highlands Sustainable Economic plan. Two surveys have been made available, one for residents and visitors, and one for business owners, that request participants to complete information regarding services and business that they would like to see in West Milford. Ms. Caldwell and her staff have continued to meet with the various stakeholders and will compile the comments, suggestions, and input received from the various groups, which include the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Committee, the Environmental Commission, and Heritage Committee. He noted that this is a grass roots effort, and information was being posted on social media, through email, and on WM77TV. An update from the Planner would be available at the next meeting.

Stormwater Regulations Webinar - Board Member and Environmental Commissioner Jim Rogers, had provided information to the Planning Board from a recent webinar that he attended regarding the updated stormwater regulations. He noted that the Township has had their stormwater management plan updated and approved.

Changing Landscapes in the Garden State – Jim Rogers reported on a study by Rutgers University regarding the changing landscape in New Jersey between the years 1986 – 2012. He observed that this report was a good depiction of the changes in the State with regard to agriculture, development, etc. Chairman Garcia advised that he wanted to get feedback from the Board professionals.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – None.

ORDINANCES REFERRED FROM COUNCIL – None.

BOARD PLANNER’S REPORT – None.

BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

BOARD ENGINEER’S REPORT – None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Invoices

The Board professional’s invoices for the month of August were **unanimously approved** on a **motion** by Robert Nolan with a **second** by Jim Rogers.

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The Minutes from the August 27, 2020 regular meeting, held via Zoom, were **unanimously approved** by all members present at the meeting on a **motion** by Ada Erik and a **second** by Robert Nolan.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

The following correspondence items were reviewed by the Board:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1. Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) Application copy submitted by Kleinfelder, dated September 9, 2020, for the City of Newark, Dept of Water and Sewer Utilities, regarding the Pequannock Water Treatment Plant, Block 14102; Lot 1, requesting Exemption #11 and a Major Highlands Development Determination for process and operational improvements to the Water Treatment Plant.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. NJDEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge notice, dated September 14, 2020, regarding 123 Kitchell Lake Dr., Block 4801; Lot 17, for removal of a 1000 gal UST, with clean-up pending.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District certification of a soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated August 17, 2020, for the Township of West Milford Farrell Soccer Field Rehab Phase II, Lycosky Drive, Block 6002; Lot 28.02.
2. The New Jersey Planner – July August 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, the Board members reviewed the upcoming meeting dates for October 1 and October 22, 2020, and the Board concurred that the October 1 meeting should be cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020.

With no other matters to be brought before the Planning Board, Chairman Christopher Garcia **adjourned** the regular meeting of September 24, 2020 at 7:35 p.m. on a **motion** made by Ada Erik with a **second** by Warren Gross.

Approved: November 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted by

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary