

Borough of Rocky Hill  
Planning Board  
Minutes of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting  
January 15th, 2015

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Planning Board Recording Secretary Christine Witt called the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:33 pm.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Christine Witt read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on December 10, 2014. Notice remains continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Borough Hall.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Attorney Maziarz administered oaths to the following board members:

Jeff Donahue, Class I, term expires 12/31/15,  
Mark Blasch, Class II, term expires 12/31/15  
Connie Hallman, Class III, term expires 12/31/15,  
Michael Giambra, , Alternate #1, term expires 12/31/16  
Dan Kluchinski, Mayor's Alternate, term expires 12/31/15

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mark Blasch, Michael Giambra, Linda Goldman, Michael Goldman, Connie Hallman, Peggy Harris, Dan Kluchinski, Brian Nolan, Raymond Whitlock, Mayor Jeff Donahue

Absent: Robert Ayrey, Tim Corlis

Also present: Attorney Jolanta Maziarz, Planner Tamara Lee, and Recording Secretary Christine Witt

**NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**Planning Board Chair**

Motion was set forth by Whitlock to nominate Michael Goldman as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Nolan. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue

Against: None

Abstain: L. Goldman, M. Goldman

*\*Meeting was turned over to Chair Goldman*

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**Planning Board Vice Chair**

Motion was set forth by L. Goldman to nominate Brian Nolan as Vice Chair of the Board. Motion was seconded by Whitlock. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Planning Board Secretary**

Motion was set forth by L. Goldman to nominate Raymond Whitlock as Board Secretary. Blasch seconded motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Recording Secretary**

Motion was set forth by M. Goldman to appoint Christine Witt as Recording Secretary. Nolan seconded motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Historic Preservation Subcommittee**

Chair Goldman appointed Whitlock and Nolan to the Historic Preservation Subcommittee. Chair Goldman and Zoning Officer Blasch will also sit on the committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes December 12, 2014** - Motion made by L. Goldman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Nolan. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock  
Against: None  
Abstain: Giambra, Donahue

**REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS**

**RHPB-2015-01 Meeting Schedule**

Whitlock moved to approve the resolution as amended. Blasch seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

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**RHPB-2015-02 Designation of Official Newspaper: Courier News**

Nolan moved to approve the resolution. L. Goldman seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue

Against: None

Abstain: None

**RHPB-2015-03 Appointment of Board Attorney: Woolson Sutphen Anderson**

Nolan moved to approve the resolution. L. Goldman seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue

Against: None

Abstain: None

**RHPB-2015-04 Appointment of Board Engineer: Van Cleef Engineering**

Blasch moved to approve the resolution. Whitlock seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue

Against: None

Abstain: None

**RHPB-2015-05 Appointment of Board Planner: Tamara Lee**

Blasch moved to approve the resolution. L. Goldman seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Blasch, Hallman, Harris, Giambra, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock, Donahue

Against: None

Abstain: None

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPLICATIONS**

Application for Variance: William C. Martin, 10 Princeton Avenue (Block 11, Lots 2 and 3)

Application carried to the February 19, 2015 meeting. The Applicant agreed to an extension in time, as necessary. The Applicant's planner requested a meeting with Planner Lee.

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L. Goldman asked if the current moratorium on new construction applies to extensions of existing properties? Mayor Donahue explained that the building moratorium was placed on the Borough by the NJDEP based on water usage. Other communities in this situation have received waivers for specific building projects, and the Borough is researching how this is done.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair Goldman thanked the Board members for their time and emphasized the importance of maintaining the character of our community.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

L. Goldman suggested that the Board focus on updating the bylaws and that the bylaws state whom the administrative officer of the Board is between the expiration of the Chair's term and the annual reorganization meeting.

Planner Lee announced that she will be teaching a new board member training class in Hillsborough on February 28, 2015.

Attorney Maziarz clarified which members sit for what types of applications. Class I and III members do not sit when the application is for a D variance. Alternate attendance is important at all meetings since matters may carry over to future meetings.

Chair Goldman announced that the forms are being updated to conform to the new ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**FINAL OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Whitlock moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion seconded by Nolan. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christine Witt  
Recording Secretary