

BOROUGH OF RARITAN
Planning Board Regular Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Raritan Municipal Building. He read the Open Public Meetings statement as follows: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Courier News on January 30, 2016. In addition, copies of the notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk. They were also sent to those people who have requested and paid the cost for mailing same. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper Notice having been given, the Board Secretary is directed to include this statement in the Minutes of this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor McMullin
Chairman Miller
Councilman Bray
Vice Chairman Brown
Ms. D. Thomas
Mr. E. Wilde
Mr. M. DiCicco
Mr. R. Zack
Mr. J. Gausz
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Krajewski
Mr. D. Fortkus

Also Present: S. Rubright, Esq.
Stan Schrek
Lou Gara

Absent: Mr. N. Carra

OLD BUSINESS

Satyanarayana Varre, Applicant (Owner - Hopper II, LLC)
Block 29, Lot .01 (600 Route 206 South)

Minor Site Plan and bulk variances (carried from September 28, 2016 meeting)

The Board Attorney announced that the hearing would be adjourned to October 25, 2016 without further notice at the request of the applicant.

Ms. Rubright announced that another applicant, Raritan, 503 LLC had provided legal notice for a hearing prematurely. She advised that their application had been deemed incomplete and therefore could not be heard this evening. An announcement was made to carry the matter to October without further notice.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- August 24, 2016

Minutes were carried to October 26, 2016.

ENGINEERING & ZONING REPORTS

Mr. Schrek advised that there had been no construction activity but quite a few inquiries regarding potential development. Mr. Gara indicated that he had nothing new to report.

TRC MEETING UPDATE

There were no TRC meetings held since the last Planning Board meeting and the Chairman advised that there are none scheduled at this time.

RESOLUTION

Bill Cunningham and James Krajewski provided certifications of voting eligibility.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, **seconded** by Mr. Gausz to recommend designation of BLOCK 93, LOTS 1 AND 2, known as 57 AND 59 LAGRANGE STREET as an area in need of redevelopment to the Borough Council.

ROLL CALL

Aye: *Chairman Miller, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Wilde, Mr. DiCicco, Mr. Gausz, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Krajewski*

Nay:

Abstain/Ineligible: *Mayor McMullin, Councilman Bray, Vice Chairman Brown, Mr. Zack, Mr. Fortkus*

MISCELLANEOUS

- Regional Center Interlocal Policy Agreement.

There was a brief discussion about amending the application in order to account for recent changes to submission protocol. The Board Attorney advised Mr. Gara to send her the checklist for review/revision. Chairman Miller spoke about his experience in attending a County Planning Partners meeting recently and about a presentation he saw on planning trends as they relate to the rental market. Mr. Schrek added that the trend also focuses on rehab, walk able communities, rail access and transportation.

- Block 81 Redevelopment Plan Update

Mayor McMullin advised that the attorneys were working on the agreements and that Mr. Lehr had put in final comments to the developer very recently. He explained that the next step would be to convene the coordinating committee for recommendations, culminating in a recommendation to Council for review/action. He indicated that he expected this to be done before the end of year. The Board Attorney clarified that the Planning Board would have to act on the plan. Mr. Schrek added that there had been some conversation with engineers regarding infrastructure. In response to a question from Vice Chairman Brown as to whether financing was included in the agreement, the Mayor confirmed that it was.

- Gateway Motel Redevelopment (Block 29, Lot 1 - 119 Route 206 South)

The Board Attorney advised that she understood from their counsel that a submission was forthcoming. Mr. Schrek added that their engineer indicated that they were advancing a plan as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Thomas, **seconded** by Mr. Cunningham and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Board Secretary

APPROVED 10/26/14