

MEETING MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

Meeting Date: December 18, 2017

Meeting Time: 7:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: High Bridge Rescue Squad, 95 West Main St, High Bridge, NJ 08829

1. CALL TO ORDER:

This is a regular meeting of the Planning/Zoning Board of the Borough of High Bridge. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in that a Notice was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 24th, 2016 and the notice of and agenda for this meeting were posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE: Led presiding officer.

3. ROLL CALL: P = Present, A=Absent

Don Howell, absent; Keith Milne, present; Doug Walker, present; John Moskway, present;

William Giordano, present; Chris Zappa, absent; Steve Dhein, present; Mark Desire, present.

Also present were Borough Planner, Darlene Green, Board Attorney, William Caldwell, Board Secretary, Barbara Kinsky and three members of the public including press.

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 13, 2017

Motion to dispense with the reading of prior meeting minutes:

Motion: Giordano, Second: Milne Voice vote: Six ayes, Desire abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the November 13, 2017 meeting minutes:

Motion: Giordano, Second: Milne Voice vote: Four ayes, Walker and Desire abstained.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to one (5) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to Borough issues. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to the Board. **NONE.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of resignation from Brent Dugan.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Short presentation by Darlene Green regarding the Historic Preservation Master Plan Element.

Darlene Green reviewed the Historic Preservation Plan with the Board.

Questions and comments:

Nancy Hunt expressed concerns regarding the possible label of "East High Bridge" for one of the historic districts in High bridge. She explained how there is historical data to support the existence of a separate community called east High Bridge. Darlene Green responded that the names of the districts in the Historical Preservation Plan Element are not finalized and can be changed based on further research. Steve Dhein commented with gratitude regarding Nancy Hunt's extensive knowledge of High Bridge's history. Nancy also commented regarding information cited in the Historic P reservation Master Plan Element page 16, she stated that she preferred that it would state that a High Bridge Cultural and Heritage committee member with archives which are very extensive. Steve Dhein explained that this is a living document that can be changed.

Motion to adopt the Historic Preservation Master Plan Element to the Master Plan,
Resolution PB-07-2017: Walker, Second: Milne.

Don Howell, absent; Keith Milne, aye; Doug Walker, aye; John Moskway, aye;

William Giordano, aye; Chris Zappa, absent; Steve Dhein, aye; Mark Desire, aye.

B. Presentation on Affordable Housing Litigation.

Darlene Green gave a detailed update on the present state of affordable housing. Discussion and questions from the Board ensued. She also outlined the possible timeline for the next few meetings regarding affordable housing state requirements.

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Nancy Hunt commented on railroad history.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn: Giordano Second: Walker Voice vote: all ayes, motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: January 8th, 2018

Meeting Location: High Bridge Rescue Squad, 95 West Main St, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Meeting Time: 7:30 P.M.