

EAST AMWELL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
7:30 PM East Amwell Municipal Building
August 10, 2016 - Meeting

Call to Order, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting of the East Amwell Planning Board was opened on August 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The following notice was read, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the annual meeting notice as published in the January 28, 2016 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, a copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk's Office and posted on the bulletin board on August 4, 2016."

Present: Roger DeLay
Fred Gardner
Rob Gilbert
Gail Glashoff
Linda Lenox
Don Reilly, *Chairman*
Dart Sageser
David Wang-Iverson
Peter Kneski
John Buckwalter – *Alt. #1*
Dante DiPirro – *Alt. #2*
Planner Slagle

Excused: No one

Citizens' Privilege to Speak on Items not on the Agenda

It was noted for the record that there were no members of the public present at the meeting at this time.

Review of Minutes

A motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Roger DeLay to approve the Board's 6/8/16 minutes with no revisions noted was approved with Ms. Lenox abstaining.

New Business – Other

Discussion – COAH – Status Update: The Board may enter into Executive Session – Approval of Resolution PB#2016-12

A motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Dante DiPirro to approve Resolution PB#2016-12 and enter into executive session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:33 PM.

A motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Rob Gilbert to return to the open public session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

It was noted for the record that the Board was in executive session from 7:33 PM – 8:27 PM.

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Chairman Reilly provided a brief status update on COAH for the members of the public who were present at the meeting at this time. He commented that the Township still does not have any final numbers on how many COAH units will be required. He stated Judge Miller has requested his own expert to provide him with an analysis and guidance and he remarked the Township continues to research viable properties in and around the Village District to accommodate COAH units. Additionally, he commented that the Courts threw out the “Gap” period (*the number of COAH units that were required during 1999-2015*) which is good for the Township.

Oral Reports

FOSPC – Mr. Gardner reported that NJ Conservation is continuing to work on the preservation of the Higgins properties.

Environmental Commission – Mr. Sageser reported that the EC will have a table at the upcoming County Fair and he encouraged everyone to stop by.

PB Secretary – No report was given.

Chairman – Chairman Reilly commented that The Ridge has filed an amended water monitoring application and he asked the Board Members to please read the original monitoring plan which has been included.

Open to the Public

Chairman Reilly opened the floor to public comment. Sue Posselt of 155 Cider Mill Road came forward and asked for further clarification on the “Gap” period and the Fair Share Housing Center’s appeal.

Frances Gavigan of 123 Wertsville Road came forward and commented she had reviewed the township’s files on The Ridge and determined that the original water monitoring plan was never officially amended. She also commented that there may be an area along Route 518 that could be considered for COAH units and suggested the township investigate partnering with a neighboring municipality to address the COAH requirements.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, a motion by Roger DeLay, seconded by Rob Gilbert to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Chairman Reilly adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Maria Andrews, Administrative Officer

Note: These minutes have not been formally approved and are subject to change at the Board’s 9/14/16 meeting.