

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

Special Meeting

December 9, 2015

Town Planner Craig Minor called the special meeting of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission to order at 6:45 p.m. in Conference Room L101 in the Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Frank Aieta
Commissioner Chris Miner
Commissioner Domenic Pane
Commissioner Robert Serra
Commissioner Stanley Sobieski
Commissioner Judy Strong
Commissioner John Bottalico - A
Commissioner Paul Giangrave - A

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Brian Andrzejewski
Commissioner Vincent Camelli - A

Staff Present

Craig Minor Town Planner

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

- A. Chairman
- B. Vice-Chairman
- C. Secretary

Craig Minor: The next item of business is the election of officers for 2016. There are three offices: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Can I have a motion to nominate someone for Chairman?

Commissioner Pane: Mr. Planner, I'd like to nominate Frank Aieta for Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miner.

Craig Minor: Are there any other nominations? Can I have a motion to close nominations?

The motion to close nominations was made by Commissioner Sobieski and seconded by Commissioner Serra.

The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with six voting YEA.

Craig Minor: Since there are no other nominations, I declare Mr. Aieta the winner. Do you want to take over?

Chairman Aieta: I appreciate the trust you have shown in me electing me Chairman of TPZ, and I will try to work as hard as I can to retain that trust. This Commission has always been non-partisan. When we come into this room, we leave our political hats at the door, no D's or R's. We're here to do a job for the people of the Town of Newington, and I would like to continue doing that as we have done in the past. We have worked very well together. We have a lot on our plates left over from the previous Commission: we have TOD, we have the regulations that have to be gone over which we've been working on for a very long time, so I appreciate the faith that you have in me. Thank you very much.

The next order of business is the election of a Vice-Chairman, and the Chair recognizes Commissioner Miner for the purpose of the nomination.

Commissioner Miner: I'd like to nominate Domenic Pane for the position of Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bottalico.

Chairman Aieta: Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, can I have a motion to close?

Commissioner Sobieski: I make a motion to close and have the Secretary cast one ballot. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Serra. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

Commissioner Pane: Thank you very much. I appreciate it very much from the Commissioners that I know, and the other Commissioners, and like Frank said, we've got a lot of work to do and I'm looking forward to getting some things accomplished. Thank you.

Chairman Aieta: The next order of business is the election of a Secretary and the Chairman recognizes Mr. Pane.

Commissioner Pane: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to nominate Christopher Miner as Secretary.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bottalico.

Chairman Aieta: Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, I ask for a motion to close nominations.

Commissioner Sobieski moved to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Serra.

Chairman Aieta: Commissioner Miner will be secretary. I have added some duties to Mr. Miner before he started. Mr. Miner will be keeping a list of violations that have been brought up by the Commissioners, so we can review them at each of the meetings, to make sure that stuff is moving off of the table.

Commissioner Pane: And the other thing was keep track of questions from the public, questions and concerns, so that we can make sure that we answer the public and get their concerns answered.

Chairman Aieta: When we take public participation, any questions raised we cannot answer under Commissioner Remarks, then we will take those questions and get an answer for you at the next meeting so that if the public comes in and they have questions, or concerns, we want to make sure that they get answers for them. So we will be responding to the public participation to answer questions from the public.

III. SETTING OF 2016 MEETING DATES

Chairman Aieta: The next order of business is the setting of the 2016 meeting dates. They were part of the package of the Special Meeting. Do you want to go over those?

Craig Minor: The Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except for a couple of months. The Commission traditionally only meets once in December, and that is reflected in the proposed list of dates that you have in front of you. What the Commission has also done for the past couple of years is meet only once in August, so I would suggest you delete, your choice, August 10th or August 24th. I recommend that you do this now rather than later in the year because if you do it now, applicants will know that there will only be one meeting in August and they can plan accordingly, rather than wait to the last minute, which is what the Commission has done the last couple of years.

Chairman Aieta: You all have this as part of your package, so I'd like a motion to approve these meeting dates as submitted by the Town Planner.

Commissioner Miner moved to approve the meeting dates for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pane.

Commissioner Pane: I would like to amend that to cross off August 10th, as the Town Planner has recommended. If something comes up, it can always be added.

Craig Minor: Right.

The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

IV. APPOINTMENT TO CRCOG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Aieta: The next item of business is the appointment to the CRCOG Regional Planning Commission, and I have asked Commissioner Sobieski if he would take the position, and he has agreed to take it. I didn't get any other requests from any of the other Commissioners to serve on it, and Stanley graciously accepted. He has the time during the day. The meetings are held in the West Hartford Town Hall, so we will be looking forward to getting reports from you as to what is going on.

Commissioner Pane moved to appoint Stanley Sobieski to the CRCOG Regional Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bottalico. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

V. ADJOURN

Commissioner Pane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sobieski. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Addis,
Recording Secretary