

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
PLANNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2007**

Call to Order

Meeting of the Township of Morris Planning Board was called to order on Monday, evening August 20, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of 20 Morris.

Statement of Adequate Notice: The Chairman issued the following statement:

"I hereby announce and state that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by the Secretary of this Planning Board by preparing a notice dated August 13, 2007, specifying the time, date and place of this meeting, posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building; filing said notice with the Clerk of the Township of Morris; forwarding the notice to the Morris County Daily Record and the Morris News Bee, and forwarding, by mail, the said notice to all persons on the request list, and I hereby hand a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the Planning Board for inclusion in the minutes of this meeting, all of the above actions being in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., Open Public Meetings Act."

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Haan, Chairman

Roll Call of Planning Board Members and Professionals

Members Present

Mr. Rick Haan, Chairman
Mr. Jeremiah Loughman
Mr. Craig Goss
Mayor Robert Nace
Mr. Leigh Tucker Doxsee
Mr. Anthony Romano
Mr. Franz Vintschger
Mr. Richard Watson
Ms. Linda Murphy, Alternate #1

Members Absent

Mr. Jan Wotowicz, Alternate #2
Mr. Laurence Bobbin

Professionals Present

Adrian Humbert, Board Planner
Brian Burns, Board Attorney
James Slate, Board Engineer

Also Absent

Sonia Santiago, Secretary

Public Hearings

Re-examination Report Discussion – Mr. Humbert stated this report is a requirement of the Municipal Land Use Law which all Board of Adjustments and Planning Boards operate under. The requirement is that at least once every six years the Board re examine its Master Plan and Development regulations. The Board has done that through a number of meetings since May of this year. This report has been reviewed in detail by the Board and I thank the Board for their time to do so. We have had a number of comments. The report is structured according to the statute. The statute requires that the Board look at the major problems and objectives related to land development in the Municipality. In the report we have listed various planning studies and analyses that has been completed, the zone map and zoning changes that have occurred since the last review in 2001. We also listed regulations which have change in that time period. There are several ordinances that the Township has adopted since the last report and they are listed in the report. Mr. Humbert continued to review the report with the Board and members of the public.

The meeting was open to the public; the following persons appeared to be heard.

Sanford Liebesman	69 Pippins Way
Eller Taylor	48 Mill Road
Dr. Lynn Seibert	178 Hillcrest Avenue
Ronald Goldberg	4 ½ Hilltop Circle

A lengthy discussion was carried regarding various issues and with no further recommendations Mr. Vintschger moved second by Ms. Murphy and unanimously carried that the resolution for the Township of Morris Re examination report be adopted as amended adding language related to encourage public art work display.

Roll Call (Voting Members):

Ms. Murphy	YES
Mr. Loughman	YES
Mr. Goss	YES
Mr. Nace	YES
Mr. Doxsee	YES
Mr. Romano	YES
Mr. Vintschger	YES
Mr. Watson	YES
Mr. Haan	YES

Master Plan Amendment and zone change re: James Street LLC – Mr. Burns stated that the TCC is not prepared to present this zone change to the Board. A draft ordinance was prepared by Mr. Humbert and the TCC has considered it and specific comments and recommendations were made. The TCC has not had the opportunity to review the revised ordinance, we recommend further consideration at the next TCC meeting and then we will bring it to the Board. This matter is carried to the next Planning Board meeting.

Other Matters

None to be heard.

With no further business for consideration by the Township of Morris Planning Board, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Santiago, Secretary
Township of Morris Planning Board