

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Planning Board Meeting
MINUTES
August 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Rochat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Far Hills Municipal Building. The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings statement in accordance with the law.

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chairman Robert Lewis, Kevin Welsh, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Chairman Tom Rochat, Debra Ross, Cheryl Devine, Marilyn Layton and John Lawlor

Also Present: Susan Rubright, Board Attorney, Planner David Banisch and Trina Lindsey, Board Secretary

Absent: Mayor Paul Vallone and Gerrie McManus

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On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Debra Ross and a majority voice vote, the minutes were approved.

BILL LIST

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Board Secretary Lindsey briefly reviewed the bill list and escrow accounts with the board.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Cheryl Devine and a majority roll call vote, the bill list was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Far Hills Mall – Annie Forgione

Resolution compliance/Dumpster enclosure

Board Attorney Susan Rubright stated that an escrow request letter was sent to the applicant and her attorney. Ms. Rubright explained that she received a response from Attorney Brian Fahey arguing against the escrow request of his client. Ms. Rubright explained resolution compliance with Mr. Fahey. Ms. Rubright stated that nothing has been submitted by the applicant, and no further discussion has taken place with the applicant's attorney. Ms. Rubright discussed with the board that zoning violations may be issued to the applicant and recommends that the board send this to the Zoning Officer to review and issue violations.

Chairman Rochat accepted a motion to forward the resolution to the Zoning Officer for review of resolution compliance.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Debra Ross and a majority roll call

vote, the motion was approved to forward the matter to the Zoning Officer.

Draft Solar Ordinance discussion – David Banisch

Planner David Banisch discussed the draft solar ordinance that he distributed to the board for review.

Vice Chair Robert Lewis stated that he feels that the wheel is being re-invented and thinks that having a requirement to have everyone come before the board for approval is not the way. Mr. Lewis commented that he doesn't want the Planning Board to be a taxing agent.

Kevin Welsh commented that he feels the document is well thought out and goes along with the Master Plan.

Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie discussed older systems being grandfathered into the new ordinance. The board discussed and agreed to have a specific grandfathering clause added to the ordinance.

The board also discussed adding that the system must be sized according to net metering. Mr. Banisch will look into sizes according to net metering and add that to the proposed ordinance.

Chairman Rochat accepted a motion to have the board review the final ordinance, with any changes discussed, before referring the ordinance to the Governing Body with a recommendation to introduce the ordinance and have a public hearing.

On a motion by John Lawlor, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie and a majority roll call vote, the motion was approved for the Planning Board to review the final ordinance before referring the ordinance to the Governing Body.

ZONING UPDATE

The board reviewed the Zoning memo issued by Zoning Officer, Kim Coward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None

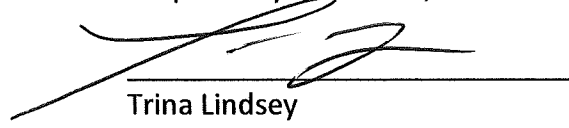
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Cheryl Devine and a majority roll call vote, the board went into closed session at 8:07pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The board returned to Open Session at 9:17pm and Chairman Rochat accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting; on a motion by Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, seconded by Mayor Vallone and a majority voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trina Lindsey', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Trina Lindsey
Planning Board Secretary