

Borough of Rocky Hill  
Planning Board  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
April 8, 2014

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Planning Board Chair Michael Goldman called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:30 pm.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Chair Goldman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 9, 2014. Notice remains continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Robert Ayrey, Mark Blasch, Cathy Cann, Tim Corlis, Linda Goldman, Michael Goldman, Connie Hallman, Eric Hintz, Brian Nolan, Raymond Whitlock, Mayor Ed Zimmerman

Absent: Martin Engelbrecht

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Reorganization/Regular Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014** - Motion made by Nolan to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Hallman. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ayrey, Blasch, Cann, Corlis, Hallman, Hintz, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock

Against: None

Abstain: None

**APPLICATIONS**

None

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Bristol, 104 Washington St., asked several questions including: who is on the Historic District Sub-Committee; what is the status of the Historic Preservation Grant; will the Historic District website be linked to the Borough website; how will the community be notified that the Historic District website is available; if an application mentions changing uses of a zone, does it trigger a subdivision and does it trigger a Historic District application; who deems an application complete; doesn't a non-residential use site plan application require certain data?

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Dan Kluchinski, 101 Washington St., asked why the November 2013 Planning Board minutes are not on the website. He also inquired about the status of the Streetscape project.

Courtney White, 49 Washington St., asked where she could get more information about the Village Office zone.

Phil Hayden, 38 Washington St., described the kinds of buildings that are historically on agricultural land. Mr. Hayden also commented that the property at 25 Washington St. is in two zones and questioned whether the Planning Board should be "tinkering with the boundaries" of zones.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair Goldman asked for an update from the committee that volunteered to revise the application forms to make them compatible with the Historic District Ordinance. Mr. Corlis, Mr. Blasch and Mr. Whitlock agreed to meet before the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Goldman received an estimate of approximately \$9,620 from General Code to codify the DRO. Chair Goldman recommends codifying the DRO so that it is in the same format as the rest of the Borough ordinances and has the advantages of being searchable and simpler to update. The Planning Board agreed by roll call vote to recommend that the Borough Council move forward to codify the DRO through General Code:

For: Ayrey, Blasch, Cann, Corlis, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Hallman, Hintz, Nolan, Whitlock

Against: None

Abstain: None

**FINAL OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Bristol, 104 Washington St., asked a number of hypothetical questions about the application that was withdrawn for 25 Washington St.

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**Executive Session**

**Resolution 2014-06 To Retire into Executive Session (8:15 PM)**

**For the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice on Standards of Review for Applications of Variance and Attorney Client Privilege**

Hallman moved to retire into executive session. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ayrey, Blasch, Cann, Corlis, Hallman, Hintz, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, Nolan, Whitlock

Against: None

Abstain: None

Executive Session ended and Regular Session resumed at 9:06 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Whitlock moved to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Motion seconded by Blasch. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christine Witt  
Recording Secretary