

MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD

Meeting of February 17, 2021

A public meeting of the Cranford Planning Board was called to order by Ms. Murray on February 17, 2021 at 7:31 p.m. via **Google Meet**. Ms. Lenahan announced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Westfield Leader and the Star Ledger have been notified and the agenda posted in the municipal building as required.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present Via Google Meet:

Ms. Murray
Ms. Kellett – recused herself after adoption of the minutes
Ms. Didzbalis
Commissioner Gareis
Mr. Nordelo
Ms. Pedde
Mayor Prunty
Ms. Rappa
Mr. Taylor

Members Absent:

None

Alternates Present via Google Meet:

Ms. Sen
Mr. Walton

Alternates Absent:

None

Also present via Google Meet:

Jonathan Drill Esq., Board Attorney, Jason Bottcher, Zoning Officer, Kathy Lenahan, Board Administrator

2. RESOLUTIONS

None

3. MINUTES

Motion to adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting was made by Ms. Didzbalis, seconded by Ms. Pedde and passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Kellett, Ms. Didzbalis, Commissioner Gareis, Mr. Nordelo, Ms. Pedde, Mayor Prunty, Ms. Rappa, Mr. Taylor

Opposed: None

Motion to adopt the closed session minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting for the Topology Rehabilitation Study Report – Draft was made by Ms. Pedde, seconded by Mr. Nordelo and passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Kellett, Ms. Didzbalis, Commissioner Gareis, Mr. Nordelo, Ms. Pedde, Mayor Prunty, Ms. Rappa, Mr. Taylor

Opposed: None

Motion to adopt the closed session minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting for the NJ Cannabis Bill was made by Ms. Didzbalis, seconded by Mayor Prunty and passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Kellett, Ms. Didzbalis, Commissioner Gareis, Mr. Nordelo, Ms. Pedde, Mayor Prunty, Ms. Rappa, Mr. Taylor

Opposed: None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Prunty stated she will be appointing a task force to look at the cannabis legislation for Cranford. Commissioner Gareis will head the task force and it will have representation from both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board.

Commissioner Gareis stated the task force will be represented by members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Police Department and will also have input from Cranford community, and the businesses in town.

6. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made in open session to go into executive session by Mayor Prunty, seconded by Mr. Walton to discuss a matter where confidentiality is required for the Planning Board attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer, namely, attorney client privileged legal advice regarding the draft of the HEFSP.

The motion passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Didzbalis, Commissioner Gareis, Mr. Nordelo, Ms. Pedde, Mayor Prunty, Ms. Rappa, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Sen

Opposed: None

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion to go back into open session was made by Ms. Sen, seconded by Mr. Nordelo.

The motion passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Didzbalis, Commissioner Gareis, Mr. Nordelo,
Mayor Prunty, Ms. Rappa, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Sen

Opposed: None

Ms. Murray announced that at the March 3 2021 meeting, a hearing on the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Murray asked if there were any members of the Public who wanted to make a comment or ask a question, no one appeared.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 9:36 p.m.

Kathleen Murray, Chair