

MINUTES - PLANNING BOARD

Workshop meeting of October 7, 2020

A public meeting of the Cranford Planning Board was called to order by Ms. Murray on October 5, 2020 at 7:32 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. Formal action may be taken.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present Via Google Meet:

Ms. Murray
Ms. Pedde
Mr. Cossa
Ms. Didzbalis
Mayor Giblin
Deputy Mayor Prunty
Mr. Taylor – joined at 7:36 p.m.

Members Absent:

Dr. Chapman
Ms. Feder

Alternates Present via Google Meet:

Mr. Walton

Alternates Absent:

Ms. Kellett

Also present via Google Meet:

Katie Razin, Esq. for Jonathan Drill Esq., Jason Bottcher, Zoning Officer, Kathy Lenahan, Board Administrator, Nick Dickerson, Board Planner

2. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Application No. PB-20-004**
Hartz Mountain Industries, Inc.
750 Walnut Avenue
Block 541, Lot 2

Resolution memorializing grant of preliminary and final major site plan approval with exceptions to allow for demolition of a portion of a building and construction of an addition to another portion of the building as well as related site improvements on the property.

After discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution of Memorialization was made by Mr. Walton, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prunty, and passed by roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Pedde, Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Walton

Opposed: None

b. Resolution PB-2020-013

Resolution recommending that the properties designated on the Township Tax Map as Block 541, Lot 2, Qualifiers C01, C02, C03, C04, C05, C06 and C07 be designated as a condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

After discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution of Memorialization was made by Deputy Mayor Prunty, seconded by Mayor Giblin and passed by roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Pedde, Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty

Opposed: None

c. Resolution Appointing and Awarding Contract to Jonathan Drill for Board Attorney for the year 2020.

After discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution of Memorialization was made by Ms. Didzbalis, seconded by Ms. Pedde and passed by roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Pedde, Mr. Cossa, Ms. Didzbalis, Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Walton

Opposed: None

3. MINUTES

Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting was made by Ms. Pedde, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prunty and passed by roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Pedde, Mr. Cossa, Ms. Didzbalis, Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Walton

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- Master Plan consistency review of Township Ordinance No. 2020-11 referred by the Township Committee. An ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Cranford, Chapter 255 Land Development, Articles II & VIII, pertaining to Affordable Housing, and to create an abandoned properties to the Affordable Housing Program.

Nick Dickerson, Township Planner appeared. Stated he has performed a consistency review of the ordinance. Reviewed the ordinance for the Board and stated some of the terminology is changed in the ordinance and also creates an abandoned properties to identify properties that could be rehabilitated and added as affordable units. Does not feel it is inconsistent with the 2018 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan or the 2009 Master Plan. Stated it is not inconsistent and may further some of the goals of the Master Plan.

The Board reviewed Township Ordinance 2020-11 and found that it is not inconsistent with the Master Plan.

A motion was made by Ms. Pedde, seconded by Mr. Walton to favorably recommend Ordinance No. 2020-11 to the Township Committee and passed on roll call vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Murray, Ms. Pedde, Mr. Cossa, Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Mr. Taylor Mr. Walton

Opposed: None

6. PUBLIC PORTION None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was regularly made, seconded and passed. The meeting concluded at 7:49 p.m.

Kathleen Murray, Chair