

BOROUGH OF AVALON PLANNING/ZONING BOARD

Minutes of Work Session/Regular Meeting of January 10, 2012

Members Present: James Collins
Sharon Cooper
David Ellenberg
Neil Hensel
Ernest Jones, Jr.
Thomas McCullough
Michele Petrucci
Brian Reynolds
Susan Rhoads
Beth Tipping

Members Absent: Sam Beddia

Chairman Hensel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. After a roll call of the Board Members, Chairman Hensel recited the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Chairman Hensel announced that Application PZ 11-07 (Seashore Partnership Condominiums) located at Block 21.02, Lots 8 and 10.01, commonly known as 38 West 21st Street, had been tabled by the applicant without date. The applicant will advise the Board when they wish this matter to be rescheduled and will re-notice and advertise.

The Board then considered the Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Reynolds, with all members voting in the affirmative.

This being the first meeting of the calendar year, a reorganization of the Board was necessary. Solicitor Dean R. Marcolongo, Esquire called for nominations for chairperson. A motion was made to nominate Neil Hensel for chairperson by Mr. Ellenberg which was seconded by Mr. Jones. All voted in the affirmative except for Mr. Hensel who abstained.

Chairman Hensel then called for nominations for vice-chairman. Ms. Tipping nominated James Collins to serve as vice-chair. That motion was seconded by Mr. Ellenberg. All members voted in the affirmative except for Mr. Collins who abstained.

Under old business, Chairman Hensel advised that it was his intention to formalize the new Water Restriction Ordinance by next month's meeting. He asked Mr. Collins to report on the proposed language which had been submitted to the Board Members in draft and discussed same. Mr. Collins advised that he has attended many meetings regarding the proposed ordinance including discussions with John Tracy regarding plumbing inspections, obtaining input from the Environmental Commission and Garden Club and reported that on February 16, 2012, a training session was to occur with local landscapers in order to obtain additional input.

It was suggested that the new water restriction language should be inserted in Chapter 14:1-29 of the Avalon General Ordinances with a cross reference to same located in Section 27-7.3(T).

Mr. Collins discussed the changes in the ordinance as opposed to the model ordinance created by the State. He also discussed the possibility of proposing rebates from the Borough for people installing new smart systems and he is working on developing an education and promotion project with regard to same. Solicitor Marcolongo was instructed to create a resolution for next month's meeting recommending the ordinance changes. Mr. Collins was instructed to present the draft ordinance to Borough Council before the end of January.

Chairman Hensel suggested that consideration should be made regarding changes to Chapter 27-7.3(T)(1) to account for different ideas regarding green space and natural landscaping. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Chairman Hensel further advised the Board regarding information obtained at the League of Municipalities meeting. He noted that the State is developing a new strategic plan and that several meetings were being proposed. Joseph Maffei, Board Engineer, agreed to attend the first meeting and compare the information obtained with Avalon's Master Plan. Chairman Hensel noted that green energy initiatives remain a hot topic on the legislative front with the State of New Jersey intending to accelerate the availability of alternate energy programs. He further noted that while COAH has been dissolved, affordable housing obligations still exist and we may need to begin to revisit this issue

again.

New regulations regarding e-mail communications between board members was discussed and board members were advised that they would be receiving their own e-mail address through the Borough of Avalon.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dean R. Marcolongo, Esquire

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