

BOROUGH OF DEMAREST PLANNING BOARD

Demarest Borough Hall
118 Serpentine Road
Demarest, New Jersey, 07627

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2023 7:30 PM

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the following announcement:

Public Announcement of Meeting: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time, and place of this public meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Board. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at the Borough Hall, was mailed to The Newark Star-Ledger and The Record, is posted on the Borough website, and was filed with the Borough Clerk of Demarest on December 23, 2022.

Roll Call

Mr. Alevrontas-Present
Mayor Bernstein-Absent
Ms. Brenner-Absent
Councilmember-Fox-Present
Chair Hayden-Present

Mr. Parlamis-Absent
Mrs. Paulison-Present
Mr. Rifkind-Present
Mayor Schooler-Present
Vice Chair Tabacchi-Present
Mr. Yu-Absent

Pledge of Alliance

PUBLIC MEETING:

Approval of Minutes: November 1st, 2023: A motion was made to approve the minutes with two minor corrections: page 2: classification, not classified, and page 3: the date of the next meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Fox

Second: Mayor Schooler

YES: All eligible to vote: All in favor

NO: 0

ABSENT for November 1st meeting: Mr. Parlamis

The Minutes are approved

New Business:

RFQ & Nominating Committee Discussion: Executive Session:

Motion: Mr. Tabacchi

Second: Mr. Alevrontas

All in favor

Motion to close: Mayor Schooler

Second: Mr. Alevrontas

All in favor

Preliminary Annual Schedule of published regular meetings for 2024

Review of 13-month schedule of meetings. Note: October 2nd meeting will be rescheduled to October 9th due to Rosh Hashanah, and January 1st 2025 will be rescheduled to January 8th due to scheduling conflict with the Mayor & Town Council reorganization meeting.

Future Meetings/Housekeeping

- 2024 Reorganization meeting will take place on January 1st, 2024
- Remote meetings: preference is to not have remote capabilities for application hearings, more for administrative meetings, possibility of limiting remote attendance by a member to twice a year

- By-Laws: need to review and update (need to find existing bylaws, Mayor School said he would look for By Laws in his files); Remote attendance by Board members need to be included in by-laws; as well as remote attendance for emergency situations
- Seating of Board members: Current seating at the dais accommodates 7 people; the Planning Board requires seating for 11 people. The Mayor and Chair discussed arrangements so that no Board member is seated in the section for the public.

Updates:

- 95 County Road LLC– Resolution Compliance and Developer’s Agreement in progress.
- 127 Hardenburgh Avenue BC UW– Resolution Compliance in progress, pursuing financing, some minor engineering revisions.
- Fricke Property – building in process, high price, many units sold

Public Comment:

- **Motion to open to public:** Fox, second: Alevrontas; all in favor
- Public Comment: No one present
- **Motion to close: made by Alevrontas;** seconded by Tabacchi; all in favor

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Vice Chair Tabacchi **Second:** Mr. Alevrontas
All in favor

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Date of the next meeting: January 3rd, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Marian Hayden

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Demarest Planning Board Chairperson