



Borough of Demarest Planning Board Special Meeting MINUTES

December 19, 2024

7:30 PM

DEMAREST BOROUGH HALL

The Borough of Demarest Planning Board held a special meeting on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. located at 118 Serpentine Road Demarest, NJ 07627.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Ms. Hayden.

FLAG SALUTE

The Board was led in a salute to the flag by Ms. Hayden.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Theodore Alevrontas, Mayor Brian Bernstein, Jodi Brenner, Councilwoman Daryl Fox, Fatemah Mamdani, Marian Hayden, Mary Hamilton

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Lynn Paulison, James Tabacchi, Youngsam Yu

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Greco – Secretary, Douglas Bern – Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hayden explained that there were some changes made to the minutes that did not make it to the final draft that was sent to the board. She explained those changes.

A motion was made to approve the September 4, 2024, regular meeting minutes with changes, by Ms. Hamilton and was seconded by Ms. Brenner.

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows *n/e = not eligible*

Mr. Alevrontas:	Yes	Mayor Bernstein:	Yes	Ms. Brenner:	Yes
Councilwoman Fox:	n/e	Ms. Mamdani:	n/e	Mrs. Paulison:	Absent
Vice Chair Tabacchi:	Absent	Mr. Yu:	Absent	Mrs. Hamilton:	Yes
Chair Hayden:	Yes				

Motion passed

Chair Hayden explained that there was some small changes to be made and asked that the secretary confirm the time length of the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the October 24, 2024, special meeting minutes with changes, by Ms. Brenner and was seconded by Mayor Bernstein.

On roll call, the vote was recorded as follows *n/e = not eligible*

Mr. Alevrontas:	n/e	Mayor Bernstein:	Yes	Ms. Brenner:	Yes
Councilwoman Fox:	n/e	Ms. Mamdani:	Yes	Mrs. Paulison:	Absent
Vice Chair Tabacchi:	Absent	Mr. Yu:	Absent	Mrs. Hamilton:	n/e
Chair Hayden:	Yes				

Motion passed

RESOLUTIONS

NEW/CONTINUING APPLICATIONS

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Chair Hayden stated that the board received RFQs for the Engineer and the Planner for the board. She encouraged the board to take a look at the submissions before the next meeting. She stated that for both Colliers and Neglia submitted for both positions. She stated that there were no RFQs received for the board attorney, Mr. Bern stated that he submitted one.

Chair Hayden asked Mr. Bern to explain the procedure for examining the RFQs. Mr. Bern explained the procedure for the RFQ process to the board and for the appointment of professionals. Mr. Bern explained the difference between a "Fair and Open" and a "Non-Fair and Open" process.

Chair Hayden asked Mayor Bernstein about his preference.

Mayor Bernstein explained that he prefers the "Fair and Open" and explained that he believes that in this way it goes out to the public and believes this creates a wider net of possible applicants.

Ms. Brenner confirmed that either type the professional appointment can make contributions but that the difference is in the amount of contribution allowed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made to open the meeting to the public by Mayor Bernstein and seconded by Ms. Hamilton.
All in Favor – Motion Passed

With no public seeking to make comment a motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Fox and seconded by Ms. Hamilton.
All in Favor – Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business presented, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Mayor Bernstein and seconded by Councilwoman Fox.

All in Favor – Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Greco
Planning Board Secretary