

Official Minutes Approved January 13, 2015

Borough of Millstone

Planning Board
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2014

Chairwoman Fung called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. There were two members of the public present.

Chairwoman Fung read the following statement:

“The regular meeting of the Millstone Borough Planning Board will please come to order. Adequate notice of this meeting has been noticed to the Courier News and posted at Borough Hall. If any member of this body believes this meeting is being held in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your views at this time, stating the reason for which you feel the notice is improper. Hearing none, we will proceed to the next item on the agenda.”

Roll Call:

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| Present: | Clint Bowers | Dan Devoti |
| | Dan Dixon | Alice Dorschner |
| | Christine Fung | Carl Kestner |
| | Richard McDermott | |

Also present: Gerald J. Muller, Esq – Planning Board Attorney
Carter Van Dyke – Planning Board Planner
Denise Piskowski, Board Secretary

Absent: Derek Johnson

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

On a motion by Mr. Kestner, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Board opened the meeting to the Public.

Ms. Orton, Historic District Commission (HDC), informed the Board that the video of the byway, which includes the canal and River Road, was chosen to be played in a historic meeting and was also nominated to receive an award.

On a motion by Mr. Devoti, seconded by Mr. Bowers, the Board closed the meeting to the Public.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Devoti, seconded by Mr. Kestner, the Board approved the January 14, 2014 and February 4, 2014 meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Bowers, the Board approved the March 4, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Devoti abstained.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROFESSIONALS' INVOICES

Ms. Dorschner expressed her concern that the invoices submitted are high and that the budget for the year might max out. Ms. Fung asked Ms. Dorschner if Council would consider increasing the Board's budget for the professionals. The Board decided that the budget did not need to be increased. Ms. Dorschner explained that Council had questions on the ordinance submitted before they would approve it. The Board discussed that there were duplication of services for this ordinance. Ms. Dorschner explained that

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Council did not discuss the environmental ordinance at the last meeting and that they tabled the discussion for their next meeting. The Board discussed having a few Council members and Board members meet to discuss the ordinance, so that everyone is okay with it. A discussion ensued. Ms. Fung and Mr. Devoti will attend the April 21, 2014 Council meeting to answer their questions regarding the ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Devoti, seconded by Mr. Kestner, the Board approved the January 2014 and February 2014 invoices submitted by Mr. Muller.

Ms. Fung asked Ms. Orton about HDC Ordinances and if they really needed to be improved. Ms. Fung informed the Board that Mayor Heck informed her if it was needed then he would consider allocating the funds to update the HDC Ordinances. Ms. Orton showed Ms. Fung a copy of a notice that was done by a professional historic consultant outlining the weaknesses in the current ordinance and stating that the Borough HDC Ordinances need to be updated. Ms. Dorschner informed her that Council would not allow the costs to update this ordinance without knowing if there were any negatives to not updating it. Ms. Dorschner further explained that Council is very concerned about the budget and they do not want to raise taxes. They would rather not update this ordinance unless there is a real need for it. A discussion ensued. Historic properties currently fall under the Borough Land Use Ordinances as well as the HDC ordinance. The discussion continued.

Ms. Fung also asked if closing a public road would affect the master plan. Ms. Dorschner informed the Board that Council would rather close Alley Road so that it does not need to be maintained by the Borough. Ms. Fung explained that at the last Council meeting it was discussed if DOT funds were received for paving this road it might have to be widened. Ms. Fung contacted DOT and there is a regulation that would allow DOT grant funds for this roadway. There is currently a huge hole in the middle of the road and it is a safety issue. A discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Kestner, seconded by Ms. Fung, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Submitted,



Denise Piszkowski
Planning Board Secretary