



**BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD**

**PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
Reorganization**

**January 15, 2019**

Chairman DeCarlo called the meeting of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:32 pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meeting Act, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Ms. Kerri Capasso, Mr. John DaCosta, Councilwoman Hedy Grant, Mr. Frank Mottola, Mr. Tomy Thomas, Mr. Jamie Placek – Atty., Ms. Nicki Louloudis – Eng. and Chairman Angelo DeCarlo. **Absent:** Ms. Joanne Prisendorf, Mr. Jeffrey Geltman, **Excused:** Mr. Paul Grygiel – Planner

Chairman DeCarlo welcomed returning and newly appointed members to the board.

Chairman DeCarlo dissolved all standing committees and offices, he thanked everyone for their service. New and re-appointed members were present to be sworn in. Mr. Placek, attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Berner, Mr. DeCarlo, Ms. DeLucia, Councilwoman Grant, Councilman Grotsky and Mr. Thomas.

The mandatory class administered by NJPO was discussed as only members who have never served on the planning or zoning board would need to attend. Mr. DeCarlo advised those members who have not served for a number of years are welcome to attend as a refresher.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Mr. Howard Berner, Ms. Kerri Capasso, Mr. John DaCosta, Mr. Angelo DeCarlo, Ms. Tina DeLucia, Councilwoman Hedy Grant, Councilman Ira Grotsky, Mr. Frank Mottola, Mr. Tomy Thomas, Mr. Jamie Placek – Atty. and Ms. Nicki Louloudis – Eng. **Absent:** Mr. Jeffrey Geltman, Ms. Joanne Prisendorf. **Excused:** Mr. Paul Grygiel – Planner

At this time Mr. DeCarlo turned the gavel over to senior member Mr. DaCosta who entertained nominations for chairman. Councilwoman Grant nominated Mr. DeCarlo as chairman second by Mr. Mottola. Mr. DaCosta asked for any other nominations, there being none he asked he asked for a motion to close nominations. Councilwoman Grant made a motion to close nominations second by Ms. Capasso. All in favor, none opposed the motion was approved.

Now Chairman DeCarlo took back the gavel and entertained a nominations for vice-chairman. Councilwoman Grant nominated Mr. Mottola second by Mr. DaCosta. There being no other nominations Councilwoman Grant motion to close nominations second by Mr. DaCosta. All in favor, none opposed the motion was approved.

Chairman DeCarlo thanked everyone and then spoke about the professionals. This board has autonomy to do what we deem appropriate. The Mayor & Council appoint the engineer and planner and we typically follow suit which is found appropriate for this board. Finding no opposition Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to accept Ms. Louloudis, Boswell Engineering, and her credentials to represent this board. Motion was made by Mr. Mottola second by Councilwoman Grant. All in favor, none opposed the motion was approved. To follow suit Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to appoint Mr. Grygiel as planner who has served this board for several years quite successfully. Mr. DaCosta made the motion second by Ms. Capasso. . All in favor, none opposed the motion was approved.

**Minutes:** November 27, 2018, Chairman DeCarlo asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. There being none Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to accept as printed. Motion made by Councilwoman Grant second Ms. Capasso. In favor: Ms. Capasso, Councilwoman Grant, Mr. Mottola and Mr. Thomas, Chairman DeCarlo. Abstained: Mr. DaCosta.

**Calendar:** After reviewing the dates it was determined to combine the December meetings on the 17<sup>th</sup> The League of Municipalities is November 19 – 21. All other dates will remain and cancel if not needed. Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to accept the calendar as corrected. Councilman Grotsky made the motion second by Mr. Berner. All in favor, none opposed the motion was approved.

Chairman DeCarlo updated board members on expected projects to come before the board which are New Milford Arms – community center, NMRA – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase 135 units and retail space and possibly one or two subdivisions. St Matthew’s Church was sold to continue as a house of worship. Complete review of the Master Plan is due in five years.

Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to open to the public, made by Ms. Capasso second by Councilwoman Grant. All in favor, none opposed. There being no comments from the public a motion was made by Councilwoman Grant second by Ms. Capasso to close to the public. All in favor, none opposed.

At this time the professionals were excused to go into closed session.

Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to go into closed session made by Councilwoman Grant second Ms. Capasso. All in favor, none opposed.

Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to go into open session made by Mr. Mottola second Mr. Thomas. All in favor, none opposed.

Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to appoint the board attorney. Councilwoman Grant made the motion to appoint Arthur Neiss of Beattie Padovano as board attorney second by Mr. Mottola. Approved by roll call vote: Mr. Berner, Ms. Capasso, Mr. DaCosta, Ms. DeLucia, Councilwoman Grant, Councilman Grotsky, Mr. Mottola, Mr. Thomas and Chairman DeCarlo; none opposed.

The next scheduled meeting on January 22 is cancelled. We will meet on February 19 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business Chairman DeCarlo entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Ms. DeLucia second Mr. Thomas at 8:20, all in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa C. Sereno