

**BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
PLANNING BOARD
COMBINED SESSION MINUTES**

July 24, 2012

Chairman DeCarlo called the public session of the New Milford Planning Board to order at 7:45 pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meetings Act. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman DeCarlo	Present
Mayor Subrizi	Present
Council Liaison Berner	Present
Secretary Scavetta	Present
Vice Chairwoman Hudak	Present
Ms. Sirocchi	Absent
Mr. Santino	Present
Mr. Pecci	Present
Mrs. Prisendorf	Present
Mr. Newman, Alt. 1	Present
Mr. DaCosta, Alt. 2	Present
Mr. Abrahamsen - Attorney	Present
Mrs. Batistic – Engineer	Present

Chairman DeCarlo welcomed the members and the public to the Planning Board public session and advised that the public meeting was re-noticed to the five adjoining towns and Bergen County Planning Board as required, when addressing anything to do with the Master Plan for the Borough.

Mr. Burgis of Burgis Associates, Inc, explained to the members that they revised the draft copy of the amendments to the Borough’s Master Plan with a revision date of June 29, 2012.

Mr. Burgis addressed the inconsistency between the Borough Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, the Land Use Plan Element and the Borough’s Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) on file with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). Mr. Snieckus said that this 2012 amendment is designed to amend the Borough’s Recreation and Open Space Plan Element to ensure consistency between the Boroughs’s various planning documents. He said it was part of the Borough’s continuing planning effort to ensure the community’s planning program reflects the Borough’s current planning philosophy and contemporary approach to land use issues, and maintain the consistency between plan elements, their goals and objectives, their plan recommendations, and ROSI.

Mr. Burgis said a number of properties including Block 1402, Lot 46, Block 101 Lot 1, Block 904, Lot 44 and Block 904, Lot 43 were identified in the 2010 Master Plan Reexamination Report and recommended for inclusion in the Open Space and Recreation Element of the Master Plan. He said this new document now includes these properties.

Mr. Burgis said the Planning Board adopted its most recent comprehensive master plan in 2004. He said this plan included a number of elements including a land use plan and open space plan. The 2004 master plan was subsequently the subject of a periodic reexamination report which was adopted in 2010. He said separate and distinct from these two plan elements are a recreation and open space inventory that identifies lands that are wholly undeveloped and are held for recreation and conservation purposes. A few lots on the ROSI, however, are not identified in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the master plan, and through this amendment this inconsistency is to be corrected.

Mr. Burgis was advised from the Borough Administrator the DEP wanted the Borough Hall property, New Milford Swim Club and Prospect Park Acreage separated and defined into active or passive parcels. Mr. Burgis said the members received an errata sheet number 1 table and map showing the revised totals. He said the map identified the 2012 ROSI list of properties and the properties already identified in the 2010 master plan re-examination report. He provided an additional map which identified only the open space portion of the Borough Hall property. Mr. Burgis said the revised totals were listed in bold on the table of the errata sheet.

Chairman DeCarlo questioned the use of the parcel where the former American Legion building. Mayor Subrizi said she would check if the Borough actually does own that parcel. Chairman DeCarlo asked the planner if that parcel had to be located on this list they were preparing. Mr. Burgis said if the town wanted to request grant monies it should be on the table. Chairman DeCarlo and the Mayor agreed that parcel would be nice for a park.

In answer to Chairman DeCarlo, Mr. Burgis said having your documents consistent and adding the terminology of the acquisition of flood prone properties would make receiving grant monies for the blue acre and green acre funds easier to obtain. He said the government agencies review documents to insure requirements for the grant monies could be achieved. He said he was aware of many towns that were denied funds because their documents were not consistent with one another. He said New Milford has now made it easier for the State to review and hopefully grant additional funds to the town because of this new document.

Motion by Secretary Scavetta, seconded by Councilman Berner, and carried by all to open the meeting to the public.

No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Joanne Prisendorf, seconded by Secretary Scavetta, and carried by all to close the meeting to the public.

Motion by, Celeste Scavetta seconded by Chris Pecci to approve the 2012 amendment to the recreation and open space plan element of the Master Plan.

Mayor Subrizi	For the motion
Councilman Berner	For the motion
Secretary Scavetta	For the motion
Vice Chairwoman Hudak	For the motion
Pat Santino	For the motion
Chris Pecci	For the motion
Joanne Prisendorf	For the motion
Stan Newman, Alt. 1	For the motion
John DaCosta, Alt . 2	For the motion
Chairman DeCarlo	For the motion

In answer to Chairman DeCarlo, Mr. Burgis said he would provide the board with four (4) copies of the document and a .pdf file will be emailed to the secretary so she could provide the revision to the members.

Chairman DeCarlo thanked Mr. Burgis and his associates for all their hard work; he said he appreciated him making all the changes in order to get all the documents consistent with one another. Chairman DeCarlo thanked the Board members for all their questions and comments.

As there was no further business to be conducted by the Board, a **motion** to adjourn was offered by Joanne Prisendorf seconded by Mayor Subrizi, and carried by all. Chairman DeCarlo said the next meeting will be held on August 21, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Sapuppo
Recording Secretary