

PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Minutes – September 10, 2020
VIRTUAL ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING

1. **Statement of Adequate Meeting Notice:** Read by Chairman Graham at 7:37 pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present – Members Gardner, Graham, Horowitz, Kellogg, Macmillan, McQueen, Paluck, Simoff and Thompson.

Absent – None.

Board Professionals present: Attorney Amanda Wolfe and Planner John P. Szabo, Jr.

3. **Minutes:** Review draft minutes of 8/13/20 meeting: Upon review, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Simoff.

Voice vote:

All eligible members voted in the affirmative.

4. **Communications:** None.

5. **Business of Visitors not related to agenda:** None.

6. **Old Business:** Review draft Master Plan Re-examination Report and draft Land Use Element Amendment and establish hearing date.

Mr. Szabo reintroduced the above captioned documents which were originally transmitted to the Board last November. He explained their purpose in making the Borough's planning documents consistent with the proposed ordinance changes. Adoption of the reexamination report prior to the adoption of the new downtown zoning ordinance by the Council will eliminate the need for a "super notice" for the latter. Mr. Szabo has already begun updating the drafts the Board currently has and will further revise them to include mention of the former Audi site and Quimby Lane redevelopment areas. Responding to Chairman Graham's question, neither the Board nor Mr. Szabo saw the need to make any revisions to the reexam report regarding the Covid pandemic. Where appropriate, the subject draft documents will be updated to reflect the latest changes to the Borough's affordable housing plan.

In discussing the timing for holding the Planning Board's public hearing of the reexam report and land use plan amendment, it was determined to be necessary to reschedule the September 24th Planning Board meeting to October 1st, which will allow adequate time to provide public notices for the hearing. Mr. Szabo will prepare a schedule for coordinating the Planning Board's master plan activities with those of the Council for introducing and adopting the new zoning ordinances. The schedule will assume a September 28 introduction of the ordinances by the Council with Planning Board D26 review of same to follow on October 1. The Council's first meeting date in October is the 13th. Newspaper notice of the public hearing for the master plan documents will be ordered for

publication in the September 17th edition of the Bernardsville News. The Board attorney will provide the necessary language for all the required notices. Mr. Szabo said he will complete the updated drafts early next week and provide the activities schedule shortly after tonight's meeting.

7. New Business: Review 9/10/20 Bills List:

Upon review a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$4,317.50 was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Paluck.

Roll call vote:

All members voted in the affirmative.

(Chairman Graham delegated signing of the invoice vouchers to Mr. Mottola.)

8. Pending Reviews/Public Hearings/Applications: As discussed above:

A. Public hearing of 2020 Master Plan Re-examination Report *(scheduled for 10/1/20).*

B. Public hearing of 2020 Land Use Plan Element Amendment *(scheduled for 10/1/20).*

9. Emergent Matters: None.

10. Executive Session: None.

11. Business of Visitors, second opportunity: None.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Graham at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Mottola, Planning & Zoning Boards
Administrative Officer & Recording Secretary

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