

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
STONE HARBOR PLANNING BOARD

January 14, 2013

4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hand, who stated that all requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act of 1975” had been met.

ROLL CALL:

Planning Members Present

Thomas Hand
Perry Conte
Mayor Suzanne Walters
Wayne Conrad
Jill Gougher
Robert D. Bickford, Jr.
Joselyn O. Rich

Board Solicitor

Andrew Catanese

Board Secretary

Patricia H. Wagner

Zoning Officer

Joanne Mascia

Planning Members Absent

Julian Miraglia, Alternate

Approve Minutes

Motion by Mr. Bickford and seconded by Mrs. Rich to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 regular session.

Affirmative votes: Mr. Hand, Mayor Walters, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mrs. Rich, Mr. Bickford.

Approval of Professional Services Contract Board Solicitor

Motion by Mr. Bickford and seconded by Mr. Conte to approve Professional Services Contract for Andrew Catanese, Board Solicitor, for the year 2013.

Affirmative votes: Mr. Hand, Mayor Walters, Mr. Conte, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mrs. Rich and Mr. Bickford.

Approve Resolution 2013-001 Appoint Board Solicitor

Motion by Mr. Conte and seconded by Mrs. Gougher to appoint Andrew Catanese as Board Solicitor.

Affirmative votes: Mr. Hand, Mayor Walters, Mr. Conte, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mrs. Rich and Mr. Bickford.

Reorganize Hotel/Motel Committee

Hotel Motel Committee will now consist of Mr. Hand, Mr. Conrad and Mr. Bickford. A meeting with the planners, Heyer & Gruel, will be scheduled for sometime in January.

Nomination for 2013 Board Chairman and Vice Chairman

Motion by Mr. Conte and seconded by Mrs. Gougher to appoint Thomas Hand as Board Chairman and Wayne Conrad as Vice Chairman.

Affirmative votes: Mr. Hand, Mayor Walters, Mr. Conte, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mrs. Rich and Mr. Bickford.

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Nomination for 2013 Board Secretary

Motion by Mr. Hand and seconded by Mr. Conte to appoint Patricia Wagner as Board Secretary for the year 2013.

Affirmative votes: Mr. Hand, Mayor Walters, Mr. Conte, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Gougher, Mrs. Rich and Mr. Bickford.

Public Comment

No one spoke. Public Session Closed.

NEW BUSINESS

FEMA

Mayor Walters announced the Borough of Avalon will be hosting a private meeting with FEMA on January 31, 2013 to discuss the new advisory ABFE Flood Maps and Elevations. This is for municipal employees only and will not be open to the public. Anyone who plans on attending is to let the Zoning Officer know and she will notify the officials in Avalon.

The new requirements are expected to have a substantial impact on increased premiums for a property's flood insurance policy. The new rules also call for new homes to be placed on pilings and not blocks, similar to homes in Hatteras, North Carolina. Board members expressed their concerns as this will affect the overall look of Stone Harbor.

The planning firm of Heyer & Gruel will be assisting the Borough in reviewing the new flood zones and building requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business at hand Mr. Hand called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Hand and seconded by Mr. Conte. All members present voted in the affirmative.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED: _____
Patricia H. Wagner, Secretary Stone Harbor Planning Board