

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
STONE HARBOR PLANNING BOARD

December 13, 2010

7:00 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
Kenneth Hawk
Thomas Cope
Wayne Conrad

Board Solicitor

Andrew Catanese

Board Secretary

Patricia H. Wagner

Absent

Robert Ashman, Alternate
Julian Miraglia, Alternate
Albert Carusi
Joanne Mascia, Zoning Officer

Approve Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hawk and seconded by Mr. Conrad to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2010 regular session.

Affirmative votes: Mr. Hand, Mr. Conte, Mr. Cope and Mr. Conrad.

Abstain: Mayor Walters

Approve 2011 Schedule of Meetings

In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey 1975, the following constitutes a schedule of meetings of the Borough of Stone Harbor Planning Board for the year 2011:

WORK SESSIONS (if needed)

10 January	4:30 p.m.
14 February	4:30 p.m.
14 March	4:30 p.m.
11 April	4:30 p.m.
09 May	4:30 p.m.
13 June	4:30 p.m.
11 July	4:30 p.m.
08 August	4:30 p.m.
12 September	4:30 p.m.
*03 October	4:30 p.m.
14 November	4:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETINGS

24 January	7:00 p.m.
28 February	7:00 p.m.
28 March	7:00 p.m.
25 April	7:00 p.m.
23 May	7:00 p.m.
27 June	7:00 p.m.
25 July	7:00 p.m.
22 August	7:00 p.m.
26 September	7:00 p.m.
24 October	7:00 p.m.
28 November	7:00 p.m.
**19 December	7:00 p.m.

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Meetings will be held at the second floor meeting room of the Stone Harbor Borough Hall, 9508 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.

Work sessions (if needed) at 4:30pm prevailing time.

*The October Work Session (if needed) to be held on October 3, 2011.

There is only **ONE meeting in December, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 19th, the **THIRD** Monday of the month.

This notice has been and will remain posted throughout the year on the Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board, First Floor Hallway, of the Municipal Building, 9508 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, New Jersey. A copy has also been filed with the Borough Clerk.

Attest: Patricia H. Wagner, Stone Harbor Planning Board Secretary

Motion to approve 2011 Schedule of Meetings by Mr. Conte and seconded by Mayor Walters

All members present voted in the affirmative.

Board Discussion

In response to a question from Mr. Conte, Mayor Walters stated she had recently spoken with the realtor for the Shelter Haven lot and it is definitely not for sale.

Mayor Walters reported there have been some recent changes to the NJDEP regulations with regard to building a public building, such as a library, at the bulkhead. New wording has been introduced as of December 6, 2010. There is a 60 day public comment period before it would go into effect and then the Borough can proceed with obtaining the necessary CAFRA permits.

Mr. Cope suggested the Borough Council and Planning Board submit resolutions supporting the wording changes during the 60 day public comment time frame. Mr. Hawk suggested having the Cape May County Freeholders submit a supporting resolution. Mr. Conrad suggested having the Stone Harbor ROA also state their approval to the NJDEP. Mayor Walters will contact the DEP to find out if it is permissible for the suggested resolutions to be submitted.

Shade Tree

Mr. Hawk stated the Borough, utilizing NJ Grant funds, has hired a certified tree consultant. The consultant is required to instruct the Stone Harbor Public Works employees responsible for public grounds maintenance on the proper procedures for tree trimming and plantings. The consultant will also be responsible for conducting an inventory of all trees on public grounds.

Historic Preservation

Mr. Cope discussed a property that had recently been heard by the Stone Harbor Zoning Board. Following a review, the Historic Committee decided they were unable to support the new designs for the property as presented since the original architectural character of the property was not to be maintained. Mr. Cope stated they would also not oppose the plans.

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Water Conservation Presentation

Mark Saioni of Exclusive Land Design located in Cape May Court House, New Jersey, gave a presentation to the Planning Board on water conservation for lawn and planter maintenance. Mr. Saioni is working in conjuncture with the Borough of Avalon to conduct a comparison of different means of water irrigation systems. The current Avalon ordinance only allows for a drip line irrigation system to be installed, timer, spray or rotor sprinkler heads are no longer permitted. Mr. Saioni explained that the Borough of Avalon is trying an experimental program designed to show the effectiveness of three different irrigation technologies. This program will help determine the best way to reduce water use and costs associated with the irrigation of Borough property. Three different irrigation technologies will be used on three very similar traffic islands located along Dune Drive between 39th Street and 43rd Street. One island will use the current sprinkler head system; a second island will be fitted with an under the soil drip irrigation system; the third traffic island will be fitted with a smart, weather-sensitive controller and advanced technology sprinkler heads. Each of the three traffic islands will be covered with new sod, and water use will be carefully monitored and recorded through the spring and summer of 2011. The John Deere Company is providing the equipment that will be used, while local landscaping companies will provide the labor and expertise needed for installation. The Avalon Department of Public Works is to assist with project and provide constant monitoring of the traffic islands to determine which system works the best, and uses the least amount of water.

The Borough of Stone Harbor recently instituted new tiered water rates. The rates are meant to be used as a tool to discourage high water consumption for irrigation meter use. At this time Stone Harbor does not intend to revise any irrigation system regulations.

The Board thanked Mr. Saioni for his presentation.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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. Hawk and seconded by Mr. Conte. All members present voted in the affirmative.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED: _____

Patricia H. Wagner, Secretary Stone Harbor Planning Board