

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD

Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Meeting - February 17, 2021 7:30 p.m.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING,

349 Mt. Lake Rd.,

Great Meadows, NJ

1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE
2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE - Sunshine Law
3. OATH OF OFFICE
4. ROLL CALL
5. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD – Chair, Vice Chair, Board Administrator/Secretary
6. MINUTES; October 17, 2018
7. RESOLUTIONS: Annual Meeting, Official Paper, and Professionals
8. DISCUSSION: Stormwater Ordinance
 Marijuana
9. BILLS
10. ADJOURNMENT - (automatic adjournment at 10:30 p.m.)

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Reorganization of the Board

Eric Snyder opened the meeting with the open public meetings act announcement.

He called the Roll. Present were Sosnovik, Jarvis, Snyder, Wulf, Wicki, Wright and Cummings. Also present Mr. Snyder, Planner/Land Use Administrator. Attorney Schneider participated by telephone.

He then opened the meeting to nominations for Chair of the Board for the year 2021. Mr. Snyder nominated Ray Sosnovik for Chair. Mr. Sosnovik indicated that he was in the process of building a home in Hope. Notwithstanding that, Mr. Wicki seconded the nomination. All voted Aye. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Sosnovik.

He asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. In her absence, Joanne Ward was nominated by Mr. Wicki, seconded by Mr. Sosnovik. All voted Aye.

Mr. Eric Snyder was appointed Land Use Administrator on motion by Mr. Wicki, seconded by Ms. Cummings.

The minutes of the Board meeting of October 20, 2020 was discussed. On motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Snyder, all voted Aye.

Mr. Snyder had provided the Board with resolutions regarding the meeting schedule. The Board found it appropriate and adopted the resolution setting meetings to be the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the Municipal Building. Meetings are to be in person. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Doug Wright, seconded by Wayne Jarvis. All voted Aye.

Mr. Snyder provided the Board with resolutions appointing Richard Schneider and himself as Attorney and Planner, respectively, for the calendar year 2021 with no change in hourly rates. On a motion made by Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Wright, all voted Aye.

Amended Stormwater ordinance

There followed a discussion of amendments to Stormwater ordinance, required by DEP.

Although there was a question as to whether or not it is a land use ordinance Mr. Snyder, took the land use approach, bringing it before the Board for review and recommendation.

This is a standard, model ordinance, put together by the NJDEP. Mr. Schneider, Board Attorney, Indicated that the Board's task is to determine whether or not it is consistent with the master plan and make a recommendation to the Township Committee accordingly.

Motion made by Mr. Jarvis to find that it is not inconsistent with the Master Plan, seconded by Mr. Dave Snyder, all voted Aye.

The meeting was opened to the public.

Ms. Leslie Hoffman, a member of the public asked to address the Board regarding the legalization of marijuana and permitting it to be grown and processed in Liberty township. A matter of this importance was deemed worthy of discussion and the Board thanked her for her comments. The Board had numerous questions regarding the location of other facilities in the County, methods of cultivation, not wishing to have a local point of sale and the tax implications of permitting its growth and processing. Following this discussion, the Board felt that further discussions were warranted. No action was taken.

Bills

On a motion by Mr. Wicki, seconded by Mr. Wright, bills from Mr. Schneider and Mr. Snyder were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.