

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH CALDWELL PLANNING BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2020**

Chairman Brower called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and lead the salute of the flag.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this meeting of the Borough of North Caldwell Planning Board was given as follows: Notice was sent to The Progress and Notice was filed with the office of the Borough Clerk.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayoral appointments to the Planning Board were announced by Chairman Brower as follows:

Class IV, 2nd Alternate Member, Sandra Nathans, 2 year term to expire 12/31/2021
Class III, Regular Member, Art Rees, 1 year term to expire 12/31/2020
Class II, Regular Member, Kevin O'Sullivan, 1 year term to expire 12/31/2020

Chairman Brower requested a roll call:

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

Others present: Mr. Dusinberre, Esq., Attorney

ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD OFFICERS

Chairman Brower requested nominations for the position of Planning Board Chairman. Mayor Alessi nominated and made a motion for Mr. Brower to serve as Planning Board Chairman during 2020.

No other nominations were offered and a second was made by Mr. Barba.

Upon roll call:

AYES: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

Chairman Brower thanked the Board for their vote.

Chairman Brower opened discussion for the position of Vice Chairman. Chairman Brower nominated and made a motion for Mr. Campbell to serve as Planning Board Vice Chairman during 2020. No other nominations were offered and a second was made by Ms. Nathans.

Upon roll call:

AYES: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

Chairman Brower requested nominations for the position of Planning Board Secretary. Chairman Brower nominated and made a motion for Mr. O'Sullivan to serve as Planning Board Secretary during 2020. No other nominations were offered and a second was made by Mayor Alessi.

Upon roll call:

AYES: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Chairman Brower to approve Resolution R-2020-01, A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Contract by and Between the Borough of North Caldwell Planning Board and John R. Dusinberre, Esq. and a second made by Ms. Nathans.

Upon roll call:

AYES: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER

A motion was made by Chairman Brower to approve Resolution R-2020-02, A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Contract by and Between the Borough of North Caldwell Planning Board and Ferriero Engineering, Inc. and a second made by Mr. Campbell.

Upon roll call:

AYES: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

2020 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Chairman Brower raised the matter of the 2020 annual schedule of meetings. A motion was made by Mayor Alessi to approve Resolution R-2020-03, A Resolution Approving the 2020 Annual Schedule of Meetings as circulated and a second was made by Mr. Fishbone.

Upon roll call:

AYES: Chairman Brower, Mayor Alessi, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fishbone, Mr. Rees, Dr. Spinelli, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barba, Ms. Nathans

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

MEMORIALIZATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY & FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

21-25 Bloomfield Avenue, LLC
21-25 Bloomfield Avenue
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
Block 110, Lot 3

Chairman Brower introduced this application. Board members were provided with copies of the site plans and application as part of their meeting packages.

Chairman Brower explained that the application has not yet been deemed complete but it is possible that a public hearing may be scheduled for the February meeting, pending completeness review and availability of all professionals. He asked all board members to begin reviewing the plan in anticipation of the upcoming application.

TREE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Brower raised the matter of a potential change to the Borough's existing tree ordinance. Council President Santomauro requested volunteers from the Planning Board to fill out a Tree Ordinance Committee. This committee will assist with the efforts to review tree ordinances from neighboring communities and recommend a reasonable revision to the ordinance for the Borough of North Caldwell.

Chairman Brower, Mr. Campbell and Mr. O'Sullivan were selected as the members of the Planning Board who will be involved in this committee and a meeting will be scheduled some time in January.

Mayor Alessi discussed the Mayor and Council's decision to review the tree ordinance as a result of public input. He was proud of the Council's initiative to move forward on this ordinance review with input from various groups in an inclusive manner.

Mr. Barba asked for clarity on why there would be an advisory committee on this matter but not other issues. Mr. Dusinberre provided an explanation as to the more pressing nature of this issue compared to others.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Dusinberre raised the question regarding necessity of the next meeting, scheduled for January 27. Chairman Brower agreed that he currently anticipates no business for the meeting and anticipates that it will be canceled.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Chairman Brower opened the meeting for citizens to be heard. No members of public were in attendance and the meeting was closed to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brower requested a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm and noted that there were still no members of the public present. A motion was made by Ms. Nathans and seconded by Dr. Spinelli. All members voted in the affirmative.

Kevin O'Sullivan
Planning Board Secretary