

PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2021

Chairmen Burchell stated that the meeting notice provided this was a virtual meeting open to the public via zoom (Log in to: www.zoom.us) Click on "Join a Meeting", then use this log in info: Meeting ID: 831 7764 4964, Passcode: 723577. He then stated that the meeting could also be joined by phone: 1-646-558-8656. Chairman Burchell then said that to review documents associated with the meeting were available by contacting Board Attorney Michael Sullivan at 973-239-8800 or at skslawms@aol.com

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Open Public Meeting Act announcement was read by Chairman Burchell, as required by law. Those present were Bob Burchell, Bud D'Avella, Mayor Ed Davis, Jody James, John King, Peter McMullen and Brittany Thunell.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Davis requested several changes to the minutes recorded from the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Planning Board. In the New Business, *Transportation Issues* second paragraph, the words "curtail speeding" should be changed to "improve safety." In the same section, Stewart Road is incorrectly spelled "Stuart Road." Finally, in the same section, add the following four-way stop intersections: "Oldchester and Oval", and "Fells and Forest."

Board Member McMullen made a motion and Board Member James seconded the approval of the minutes with the aforementioned changes. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7 – 0.

Approval of Resolutions

None

Hearings

None

Referral of Ordinance 2021-1050 Amending Chapter 179 "Land Development" of the Code of the Borough of Essex Fells to include a New Article XXIV Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments as Uses Within the Borough of Essex Fells

Board Attorney, Michael D. Sullivan stated that if the desire of the municipality is to prohibit the sale of cannabis, an ordinance must be implemented. Chairman Burchell stated that this ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan. Mayor Davis said that this ordinance issue is prompted by State Law.

Board member D'Avella made a motion to recommend adoption of the ordinance and finding it is not inconsistent with the Master Plan which was seconded by Board Member James. The motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0.

Additional Business

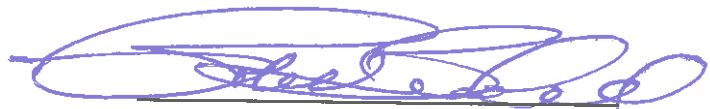
None

Public

Board Member D'Avella stated that no members of the public were present at the meeting via zoom or phone and therefore there are no questions. Chairman Burchell closed the Public Session.

Adjournment

On a motion from Board Member Bud D'Avella and a second from Vice Chairman James, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:16 p.m.



Robert W. Burchell, Chairman
Planning Board
May 9, 2022