

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
MAY 12, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic State of Emergency the Millstone Township Planning Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. was held using the Zoom Video Conferencing platform. Members of the public have the option to attend the meeting either by using a device (PC, laptop, tablet, or smartphone) or by dialing in via telephone. This information was provided on the Township Website and on the Planning Board Agenda.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Newman at 7:31 p.m.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice and additional virtual meeting information.

Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present: Beck, Butch, Dorfman, Grbelja, Newman, Oxley, Pepe (joined at 7:45pm), Ziner, Youngs

Absent: Curtis, Pado, Pinney

Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2021

Chairman Newman asked if there were any suggested changes to the meeting minutes and seeing none, Mr. Youngs made a Motion to approve and Mr. Beck offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Beck, Grbelja, Oxley, Newman, Youngs voted yes to approve the meeting minutes, Ms. Butch abstained.

Public Comment Portion: Chairman Newman opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Seeing no public comment, he closed that portion of the meeting at the same time.

REVIEW AND RECOMMEND:

Millstone Township Municipal Open Space Grant Application for the Clarksburg Cultural Center, Phase III.

Ms. Butch stated this a grant that was submitted to Monmouth County in 2019, and at that time the County had an overwhelming number of grant applications. We were asked to sit out so other municipalities who never submitted an application could move forward, and the application was put on the shelf. The Township Committee decided this was the year, and the application will be resubmitted for the Clarksburg Cultural Center, Phase III. It is a grant that will develop the site to give it amenities so it is better facility for programing. A one room schoolhouse that was built in 1840s sits on the property, which after inspection of the building, it was recommended the building be taken down. We have approval from the NJ Historic Preservation Office and Green Acres to demolish the building. A replica of the building will be constructed with the

same footprint and in the same location where it sits today. The historical significance of the building will be recognized with interpretive signage, and will house two ADA bathrooms, a park office, and an interpretive center which will celebrate our history and advertise information for the public about recreation resources in town. Other improvements include on-site parking, which includes ADA parking spots, underground electric service and site lighting, a septic system, and a bicycle repair station as this site has been identified by Strava and is well traveled. The grant will also be used to repair the belltower of the church and the steeple siding. This will be a wonderful gathering place for a variety of programming which would seat about 125 people. Ms. Butch stated the estimate for the work is \$550,000, but we think we can do it for \$500,000, which is the amount of the grant we are asking for. The grant will be a one-to-one match where we will be receiving \$250,000 from the County and will be putting in \$250,000 from the open space trust account. The action needed from the Planning Board is to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant letter of support that was submitted on behalf of the Open Space Preservation Council.

Mayor Dorfman stated the Township Committee is supportive of the project and thinks it would be a valuable project to the community.

Chairman Newman asked if there were any questions. Seeing none he asked for a Motion and a Second to authorize him to sign the letter of support for the grant being sought.

Mr. Ziner made the Motion and Deputy Mayor Grbelja offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Beck, Dorfman, Grbelja, Newman, Oxley, Ziner, Youngs voted yes; Mr. Pepe abstained.

Seeing No New Business or Old Business, Chairman Newman Made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 p.m. and Vice-Chairman Pepe offered a Second and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Jacus