

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD
NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

There was the regular meeting of the Hardwick Township Planning/Land Use Board on Thursday, November 12, 2020 held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman McKim. He led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and he stated that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

The following Planning Board Members were present: Mayor Kevin Duffy, Jim McKim, John Lovell, Jodi Butler, Fred Butcher, William Hughes, Cynthia Caffrey, and Alfia Schemm. Board Members Absent: Lori Gold, Ed Fisher, Richard Ohl, and Alfred Carrazzone.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2020, were distributed to all Board Members prior to the meeting. Chairman McKim noted a minor spelling error.

Mr. Lovell made the motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020, as amended this evening. Motion seconded by Ms. Caffrey. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Butcher and Mr. Hughes, who abstained as they were not present at the October meeting. Ms. Schemm abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

#20-203 Michele & Anthony DiStasio, Block 1003, Lot 3

Michele and Anthony DiStasio were sworn in. They described the proposed modifications that they wish to make to their home and the setback variances that are being requested.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Doug Batchelder was present and he thanked the Board for their service and he stated that the DiStasios are a great family and will be an asset to the community. He was supportive of their proposal.

With there being no further public comment, the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. Lovell made the motion to grant the requested variance relief. Motion seconded by Mr. Hughes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The DiStasios stated that they wish to begin construction as soon as possible. Board Attorney Gavan stated that the Applicant can request a waiver of the reading and adoption of the Resolution (done at the Applicant's risk) in order to apply for their Construction Permits as the Resolution will not be adopted until the December meeting.

Mr. Lovell made the motion to notify the Zoning Officer/Construction Department that the Board granted the requested variance relief and the Applicant can move forward with applying for permits, at their own risk, pending the adoption of the Resolution. Motion seconded by Ms. Caffrey. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Board Secretary Schemm stated that she will email the Zoning Officer and Mayor Duffy said he will also follow up with the Zoning Officer.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Storm water Management

Chairman McKim reviewed the materials that were distributed and the timeline in order to get the Ordinance adopted, which was discussed by the Board and they agreed to the proposed modifications. Chairman McKim stated that he will prepare a document for the Board's consideration, with the modifications highlighted in red.

Liaison Update-General Township Matters

Mayor Duffy briefly touched on the COVID-19 numbers and guidelines, cable/high speed internet, the bee infestation at Slabtown Creek Park, and the Route 80 rockwall. Chairman McKim briefly discussed the preparation and distribution of a brochure for Slabtown Creek Park. The Board discussed the use of the park, permitting/rules, and the passive recreation use.

Ms. Caffrey questioned the use of the one room schoolhouse, which has been purchased and is being converted into a residence.

Mayor Duffy also congratulated Mr. Lovell on the results of the election and he stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Lovell on the Township Committee.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

In a motion made and seconded the meeting was opened to the public. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

BILLS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

In a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
12/10/20

