

**UPPER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Upper Township Planning Board was held at the Township Hall, 2100 Tuckahoe Road, Petersburg, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m.

**SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Richard Palombo, Georgette Costello, Daniel Bready, Joseph Harney, Gary Riordan, Cynthia Harrison, Ted Kingston, Michael Endicott and James Kelly.

Absent: Scott Morgan and Hobart Young.

Also in attendance were Dean Marcolongo, Board Solicitor, Paul Dietrich, Board Engineer and Shelley Lea, Board Secretary and Zoning Officer.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Harney, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, and approved. Abstain: Riordan.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING TOWNSHIP OF UPPER MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN**

Mr. Dietrich discussed developing the Upper Township Municipal Public Access Plan which would be adopted as part of the Township's Master Plan Recreation Element. The Municipal Public Access Plan is to identify access points to the water. This is currently a voluntary process that will soon be required as part of the permit requirement for beach and dune maintenance. The Township is currently reapplying for a beach and dune maintenance permit.

Mr. Dietrich stated that he has prepared a draft Municipal Public Access Plan using the State template. The table and map included as part of the document includes the public access locations.

Mr. Dietrich suggested creating a subcommittee that could further review the plan and make suggestions or additions. Solicitor Marcolongo asked the board keep an eye out for locations that may have been missed.

Mr. Dietrich discussed possibly adding a public access improvement fund which would be a payment in lieu of providing public access if public access is not available. This fund would be used to help fund something identified in the plan. Mayor Palombo stated that he wants the Township Committee to address the fund.

There was a question as to whether or not several locations should be added including B.L. England Fishing Pier, T & R Associates and the abandoned railroad bed of the Ocean City Branch in Palermo.

Chairman Kelly appointed Ted Kingston, Michael Endicott and Gary Riordan to the sub-committee.

Mr. Dietrich asked that the board members email him with any comments or additions to the plan.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no response the meeting returned to the board.

### **LITIGATION**

Solicitor Marcolongo discussed the recent decision by the Judge in regards to the Holt matter. The decision of the planning board not to rezone the property was affirmed, however the zoning board must be hear the application involving the second floor.

### **BILLS**

A motion to approve the bills was made by Mr. Harney, seconded by Mr. Endicott, and approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Bready, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,