

A meeting of the Township of Hamilton Planning Board was held on the above date with Chairman David Wigglesworth presiding. Other members present were Harry Bilicki, Charles Cain, Richard Cheek, Wayne Choyce, John Kurtz and John Percy. Also present were John Rosenberger, Solicitor, and Philip Sartorio, P.P., Director of Community Development.

Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law was acknowledged.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Choyce, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2013, as published. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH FIVE MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, TWO “ABSTAIN”.

Hamilton Mall, LLC – Mr. Bilicki moved, seconded by Mr. Choyce, to adopt the resolution prepared by the Solicitor for Hamilton Mall, LLC, Application No. 2011-007.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

Mr. Bilicki – Aye  
Mr. Choyce – Aye  
Mr. Kurtz – Aye  
Mr. Wigglesworth – Aye

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Land Use Ordinance Amendment, Historic Preservation – Mr. Sartorio reviewed the revised, proposed amendments to the Land Use and Development Ordinance that were prepared in an effort to retain Certified Local Government status as it relates to historic preservation.

Historic Preservation Commission members present were Grant Wilinski, Chairman, and James Kerrigan, Vice-chairman. Former Historic Preservation Commission member, Jennie Ayres, was also present.

Board members asked questions and made suggestions for changes, to which Mr. Sartorio responded.

Mr. Rosenberger provided advice from a legal perspective, which resulted in some additional modification to the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Kurtz stated that he did not oppose the changes to the proposed ordinance, and expressed the opinion that the ordinance still had enough “teeth” and would address what was needed to be classified as a Certified Local Government.

Mr. Sartorio was asked to revise the proposed ordinance as noted by the Board and its Solicitor. The revised ordinance is to be distributed to Board members and reviewed at a future meeting, after which the Ordinance would be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and comment before it is sent to Township Committee.

Public Comment – Mr. Wigglesworth opened the meeting to public comment.

Grant Wilinski, Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, thanked Mr. Sartorio for all the hard work he had done preparing the ordinance and stated that he appreciated Board members’ comments and constructive criticism.

James Kerrigan, Historic Preservation Commission Vice-chairman, commented that he would have liked to have seen the ordinance recommended to Township Committee, but it may be better to solicit comments from the State first.

Jennie Ayres, former Historic Preservation Commission member, stated that she had worked on the original, proposed ordinance; that she believed in historic preservation, but felt the changes would be better for the Commission; and that, after the ordinance is adopted, she hoped that the process involving applications to the Historic Preservation would be streamlined.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Percy, to close the public portion of the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Adjournment – Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Choyce, to adjourn the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rainbow,  
Planning Board Administrator