

City of Northfield Planning Board
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October 1, 2020

Notice of this meeting had been given in accordance with Chapter 231 Public Law 1975, otherwise known as the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting had been given to The Press of Atlantic City, posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, filed with the City Clerk, and posted on the City website, stating the date, time and place of the meeting and the agenda to the extent known. Digital copies of the application documents, exhibits, and the Planning Board Engineer's report have been uploaded onto the City website as well.

This **REGULAR** meeting of the Northfield Planning Board was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), this meeting was live-streamed using Zoom conferencing service and the public is restricted from attending in-person.

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The meeting was opened by Chairman Richard Levitt at 6:59 p.m. with the reading of the Sunshine Law and the roll call with the following members present or absent as noted:

Peter Brophy

Mayor Erland Chau-absent

Jim Leeds

Dr. Richard Levitt

Chief Paul Newman

Henry Notaro

Dan Reardon

Ron Roegiers-absent

Derek Rowe

Clem Scharff

Jim Shippen

Councilman Paul Utts

Steve Vain-absent

Joel M. Fleishman, Esq.-Planning Board Solicitor-absent

Matthew Doran, PE, PP-Planning Board Engineer-absent

Robin Atlas, Board Secretary, read the following statement:

“As everyone knows, based on an Executive Order of the governor, public gatherings are still limited to not more than 25% occupancy of the room, and social distancing parameters apply. For this reason, members of the public are still not able to attend tonight’s meeting in person, and virtual attendance has been made possible through Zoom video-conferencing. Participants can dial in by telephone and listen to proceedings, or they can access the meeting using a web-browser, and be able to view and listen. Instructions on how members of the public can access Zoom have been made available on the municipal website and were published in The Press of Atlantic City.

All participants will be ‘muted’ upon entry to the meeting. Web-browser participants will not be able to share their screens or see the camera-view of anyone other than the host, which is the City of Northfield.

When the time comes for public comment, a specific announcement will be made; one by one any telephone users will be asked to identify themselves and will be unmuted to permit commentary. Web-browser attendees may ask questions or make comments through the ‘chat’ function at the designated time. Please note that comments made through the chat function will not be acknowledged until the public portion of the meeting begins, at which time they will be read aloud into the record.”

There were no applications submitted for this hearing.

There was one resolution to memorialize for Yellow Cab Holdings, LLC known as Wendy’s Restaurant, Block 16.01, Lot 46.04, 798 Tilton Road for a minor site plan for outdoor seating approval. The application was approved September 3, 2020. Abstentions for the resolution vote are: Mayor Chau, Henry Notaro, and Steve Vain.

Mr. Brophy commented that he went to the Wendy’s site and he noticed that when you pull out onto Tilton Road there is shrubbery growing that partially blocks the driver’s view of Tilton Road. He understands it is not directly related to their application, but he thought it should be noted. Dr. Levitt said they did improve the landscaping in the front. Dr. Levitt asked Chief Newman to drive by and check it out and discuss with them if he sees a problem. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Leeds made the motion and Mr. Scharff seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Brophy-yes

Mr. Leeds-yes

Chief Newman-yes

Mr. Reardon-yes

Mr. Rowe-yes

Mr. Scharff-yes

Mr. Utts-yes

Dr. Levitt-yes

The resolution is memorialized.

Dr. Levitt said the outdoor dining committee met and it is on the agenda for this evening. Mr. Shippen noted that Mr. Doran could not attend the meeting tonight and they came up with at least a half dozen questions to address and sort out by the entire Board. He said hopefully Mr. Doran will come up with a written summary that can be sent out the Board for review and commentary. Dr. Levitt said to put this on the agenda for the November meeting. He noted that the Board needs to consider the electric charging stations as conditional uses so that a variance wouldn't be necessary. The Board needs to come up with those conditions so this can move further.

Mr. Shippen made the motion to end the meeting and Councilman Utts seconded. Dr. Levitt closed the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Atlas

Robin Atlas, Secretary to the Board