

**RIVERTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES  
March 16, 2010**

The Public Session of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Joe Creighton. Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given in the following manner:

1. Posting notice on the official bulletin board in the Borough Office on January 25, 2010.
2. Required Service of notice and publication in the Burlington County Times on January 24, 2010.

**PRESENT:** Joseph Creighton, Muriel Alls-Moffat, Armand Bianchini, Joseph Threston, Mayor Robert Martin, Councilwoman Suzanne Wells, Mary Lodato, Cheryl Progin, and Robert Bednarek.  
**Also Present:** Solicitor Tom Coleman and Secretary Ken Palmer.

**ABSENT:** None.

**REORGANIZATION:** Robert Bednarek was sworn in as a new alternate member of the board.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Armand Bianchini and seconded by the mayor to adopt the minutes of the February 16, 2010 regular meeting as amended. The voice vote was unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. None.
2. 2 vouchers/invoices as presented under New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Council Matters of Importance to the Board including 2010 Budget** – The mayor and Suzanne reported that Council had endorsed the amendments to the master plan by a vote of 4 to 2. The revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan are being forwarded to the state. Council also approved the mayor signing the agreement with Quality Management. Work on finalizing the budget continues; but, not knowing what funding will be available from the state is complicating things. Suzanne has not seen any final numbers yet. Council is trying to keep taxes flat. Joe Threston asked if professional charges related to COAH were almost finished and it was stated it was hoped they were.

**COAH** – Muriel reported that she had contacted the state for a copy of latest standards on community or group homes. She has heard rumors there could possibly be interest in locating a third group home in the town. She wants to know if there are regulations available that can help regulate the number of homes in town and if appropriate zoning requirements can be put in place. Muriel feels that there should be some way to control the number and placement. Joe Creighton thanked Muriel for her long standing and continued efforts to stay on top of COAH matters. As to the tax ratable status of the group homes, Tom Coleman remarked that the tax assessor is the place to check on that; and, also that just because the owners of a home are registered as a non-profit does not automatically mean their group home is tax exempt.

**2010 Goals and Objectives** – The chair asked if the members had any suggestions. The mayor and Muriel discussed their thoughts. The members discussed what was actually wanted or needed for goals and objectives. Suzanne volunteered to write them up for the next meeting.

**Zoning and Related Land Use Code changes** – Suzanne reported that the subcommittee met on 3/15 and that a preliminary task list has been established to:

- Look at revising the definition of building height. Tamara has some ideas which she will forward to the committee.
- Examine the fence ordinance, specifically as it addresses shrubs and trees.

- Look into a noise ordinance.
- Have the zoning map corrected.
- Review possible conflicting information in the swimming pool ordinance.
- Look at on- and off-street parking of RV's and boat trailers.

**Environmental Commission** – Joe Threston reported that he would be attending the next meeting on 3/18. Mike Robinson is trying to have someone from the Pompeston Watershed group meet with the commission to discuss what they feel are critical needs for protection.

**Minor Site Plan Applications** – Mary Lodato reported that no applications had been received.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Invoices and vouchers:**

1. 03/02/10, Raymond & Coleman, \$182.00, general business advice and attend the February meeting.
2. 02/08/10, Raymond & Coleman, \$182.00, for COAH related work in February including the Quality Management agreement. PAY FROM TRUST FUND DEVELOPMENT FEES

There was no discussion and a motion was made by Joe Threston, seconded by Armand Bianchini, and unanimously approved to pay the vouchers as presented. The secretary will have them signed and submitted for payment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – The chair noted for the record that there were no members of the public present.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM. (motion by Threston, second by Mayor Martin)**

**Next meeting is on 04/20/2010 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall.  
Tape is on file.**

**Kenny C. Palmer, Jr., Secretary  
RIVERTON PLANNING BOARD**