

**MINUTES OF THE  
APRIL 30, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
HELD AT 7:00PM  
FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the April 30, 2019 meeting of the Somerset County Planning Board convened at 7:00pm in the Freeholders Meeting Room. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open Public Meetings Statement**

**The Roll was called and the following were in Attendance:**

Bernie Navatto, Jr, Chairman  
Marian Fenwick, Member  
Al Ellis, Member Chairman  
John Schneider, Member  
John Lindner, Member  
Brian Gallagher, Freeholder Liaison  
Adam Slutsky, Alternate to County Engineer

John Lore, Esq., Deputy County Counsel

**Absent**

Christopher Kelly, Vice Chairman  
Dennis Quinlan, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
Matthew Loper, Secretary/County Engineer  
William Zeigler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Director Freeholder Brian Levine

**Also Present:**

Walter Lane, Director of Planning  
Anthony McCracken, Assistant Director  
Thomas D'Amico, Supervising Planner  
Ken Wedeen, Supervision Transportation Planner  
Laurette Kratina, Chief of Strategic Planning  
James Ruggieri, Principal Community Planner  
Andras Holzmann, Senior Planner  
Nora Fekete, Planner  
Kaitlin Bundy, Manger Cultural & Heritage Commission  
Natalie Zaman, Program Coordinator  
Cynthia Mellusi, Office Manager

Adam Slutsky will be voting in the absence of Matt Loper in tonight's meeting.

## **Discussion/Presentation Items:**

### **2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Goals Presentation**

Director of Planning Walter Lane provided a brief review of the Planning Board's and Planning Division's accomplishments in 2018 and goals for 2019. Director Lane stated that all of these successes would not have been possible without the guidance and support from the members of the Planning Board and the excellent work of the Planning Division staff.

Chairman Navatto thanked Director Lane for his excellent work and stated the Somerset County Planning Division is the best planning staff in the state. Director Lane reported that the 2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Goals Presentation would be posted on the Planning Board website.

### **2018 Land Development and Planning Awards**

Chairman Navatto announced the recipients of the Somerset County 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Land Development and Planning Awards. Each year, awards are presented for land development and planning projects which exemplify superior site design, address contemporary planning issues, or exert a positive influence on the character of the County. The County Planning Board believes that exceptionally well-designed and planned projects should be publicly commended in order to promote better planning and development throughout the County.

In addition to the standard award categories, the County Planning Board, in conjunction with the Somerset County Energy Council, has established an Energy Conservation/Sustainability category to honor outstanding projects which feature innovative, cost-effective energy conservation and renewable energy technologies that enhance community sustainability, improves resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Since the inception of the Awards Program in 1983, the County has recognized 180 outstanding Land Developments and Planning initiatives. Those projects are all examples of outstanding and innovative developments and planning efforts. We hope that these projects will inspire citizens, developers, government leaders and planners to promote sound land development and planning for years to come.

Chairman Navatto and Supervising Planner Thomas D'Amico presented the Land Development and Planning Awards for 2018 to the recipients in the following categories are:

#### **RESIDENTIAL**

*Grammercy Townhomes, South Bound Brook*

#### **COMMERCIAL/ADAPTIVE USE**

*28 Mountain Boulevard, Warren*

#### **EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING**

*Bound Brook and South Bound Brook, New Jersey Pedestrian Bicycle Travel Plan*

**EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING**

*Bound Brook Plaza, A Vision for a Revitalized Station Square and Hamilton Street, Bound Brook*

**EXCELLANCE IN PLANNING/SUSTAINABILITY**

*The Somerville Green Seam Reconstruction, Somerville*

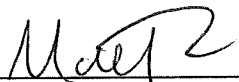
**Public Comments**

Chairman Navatto, Jr. opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Navatto, Jr. asked for a motion to Adjourn. The motion was made by Al Ellis and seconded by Freeholder Gallagher. A Voice Vote was called and the motion moved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Matthew D. Loper, Secretary