

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
CITY OF STAMFORD
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING**

Members Present:

Louis Levine, Member
Stephen Wayne, Alternate Member
Bradford K. Spaulding, Alternative Member

Members Not Present:

Gary Stone, Chairman
Peter Conetta, Member

Staff Present:

Richard H. Talamelli, Environmental Planner

The Special Meeting, which was called to order by Board Member Levine at 12:35 PM, was held in the Offices of the Environmental Protection Board, Seventh Floor, Stamford, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, 06904-2152. The meeting was recorded.

MINUTES

APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS

SITE PLAN REVIEWS:

SUBDIVISION REVIEWS:

ENFORCEMENT – STATUS REPORTS AND SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Budget Considerations:

Staff Member Talamelli addressed the Board on matters pertaining to the EPB's proposed Operating Budget for 2014-15. The EPB, under the provisions of the Ordinance, is expected to prepare and endorse a separate budget for its department. Mr. Talamelli noted that the proposed budget seeks to balance the Mayor's directive for continued fiscal responsibility with the demonstrated needs of the department. He reported that the EPB's proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2014-15 includes only minor increases in a few categories to cover proven "shortfalls" including postage/copying for required legal notice and mailings, and overtime pay to enable the Environmental Analyst to attend a number of the Board's regularly scheduled meetings/hearings. The increase in postage and copying is generally attributed to the documentation and mailings necessary to maintain the City's good standing in the highly valued Community Rating System (CRS) Program

As part of the budget request, the agency carefully documented the Board's work levels, record of achievement, and budgetary needs. Projections indicate that the Board will continue to experience sizeable increases in the level of office activity, the number of large, complex developments, and the number of both mandated tasks and non-mandated activities of value and interest to the community. Current staffing levels may be inadequate to service the needs of Stamford property owners in a timely, thorough and professional manner based on the still increasing trends. Accordingly, the

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budget proposal is accompanied by a request for a “program expansion” to restore the “Executive Director.”

Motion/Vote: Upon a Motion by Board Member Wayne, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as outlined on “Form E (Expense Request),” dated January 9, 2014. In addition, Staff was directed to accompany the decision notice with its request for a “program expansion” to fund the salary and related overhead costs associated with “Executive Director.”

In Favor: Levine, Wayne and Spaulding.
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: None

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the Special Meeting of January 9, 2014.

There being no further business, the Board, upon a motion by Board Member Wayne, voted to **ADJOURN** the Special Meeting of January 9, 2014.

In Favor: Levine, Wayne and Spaulding.
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Gary Stone, Chairman
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Minutes: Prepared from meeting notes taken by Richard H. Talamelli, Environmental Planner