

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2012
-MINUTES-**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Joanne Kane called the meeting of the Bridgewater Township Planning Board to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Bridgewater Municipal Courtroom, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Adequate notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. On January 20, 2012 proper notice was sent to the Courier News and the Star Ledger and filed with the Clerk at the Township of Bridgewater and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Please be aware of the Planning Board policy for public hearings: No new applications will be heard after 10:00 p.m. and no new testimony will be taken after 10:15 p.m. Hearing Assistance is available upon request.

ROLL CALL:

Steve Rodzinak – present	Chairperson Joanne Kane – present
N. Janine Dickey – absent	Vice-Chairperson Barbara Kane – present
Ron Charles – present (7:05p.m.)	Mayor Dan Hayes – present
James Franco – present	Councilperson Filipe Pedroso – present (7:10p.m.)
Former Councilman Albano – absent	

Others present: Board Attorney Thomas Collins; Board Planner Scarlett Doyle PP; Board Engineer Robert C. Bogart, PE; Planning Division Secretary Danielle A. Britton.

MINUTES:

January 10, 2012 – Reorganization Meeting Minutes - Approved as amended.

Minutes moved for adoption by B. Kane, seconded by J. Franco, and adopted by the following eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Steve Rodzinak, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chairperson Joanne Kane James Franco, Mayor Dan Hayes
OPPOSITION:	None
ABSENT:	N. Janine Dickey, Former Councilperson Robert Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE:	Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Ron Charles

February 9, 2012 – Special Meeting Minutes – Approved.
Minutes moved for adoption by B. Kane, seconded by S. Rodzinak, and adopted by the following eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE: Ron Charles, Steve Rodzinak, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane,
Chairperson Joanne Kane
OPPOSITION: None
ABSENT: N. Janine Dickey, Former Councilperson Robert Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE: Mayor Dan Hayes, James Franco
ABSTAIN: Councilperson Filipe Pedroso

February 27, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Pending.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

Somerset County Courtesy Review
Capital Improvement Project
Public Safety Radio Network
Block 801, Lot 20 – Miller Lane
(1300 sq.ft. area within 7.5 acre parcel owned by Somerset County)

Resolution moved for adoption by S. Rodzinak, seconded by B. Kane, and adopted by the following eligible voting members:

AFFIRMATIVE: Steve Rodzinak, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Chairperson Joanne
Kane,
Mayor Dan Hayes
OPPOSITION: None
ABSENT: N. Janine Dickey, Former Councilperson Robert Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE: Ron Charles, Councilperson Filipe Pedroso
ABSTAIN: James Franco

LAND DEVELOPMENT HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS:

Robert and July Margist - 203 Old York Road
Block 122, Lot 9
#12-01-PB, Simple Variance
(300 sq. ft. addition)

Mr. Robert Margist was present and no attorney represented the applicant. Township Engineer, Mr. Robert C. Bogart provided detailed information pertaining to the nature of the application. An addition to an existing single-family dwelling was proposed and presented to the Planning Board due to the site being located in a flood plain area. Mr. Bogart confirmed that the property is required to maintain flood insurance.

Mr. Margist stated that he would like to construct a small addition to his existing home and further explained that the driveway would remain the same and the expansion is a modest addition. He testified that he is not interested in the erection of a second story addition.

Chairperson Joanne Kane opened the hearing to the public for questions and comments:

Mr. Lomanstro – 200 Old York Road – Bridgewater, NJ.
Inquired about the addition and if there would be water run-off onto neighboring properties.

Mrs. Lomanstro – 200 Old York Road – Bridgewater, NJ.
Concerned with excessive flooding onto properties.

Since there were no further questions or comments, Chairperson Joanne Kane closed the public comment session.

The Board deliberated and discussed conditions including:

- Prior to site construction of the addition, approval is needed from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Stream Encroachment Permit and any other NJDEP approvals required.

Motion by R. Charles, seconded by B. Kane, the MARGIST application was approved with conditions on the following roll call:

AFFIRMATIVE: Steve Rodzinak, Ron Charles, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, James Franco, Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Mayor Dan Hayes, Chairperson Joanne Kane,

OPPOSITION: None

ABSENT: N. Janine Dickey, Former Councilperson Robert Albano

NOT ELIGIBLE: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board on any matter not listed on the agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS –

Multi-Purpose Turf Field at Bridgewater-Raritan High School:

Township Engineer, Mr. Robert C. Bogart explained the artificial turf field project. The high school field would be a multi-purpose turf field similar to the one located on the Municipal Complex property. The Township of Bridgewater and the Board of Education in accordance with an agreement would use and maintain the field. The construction is on land provided by the Board of Education on the High School property with funds being provided by the Township.

Motion by Chairperson Joanne Kane, second by Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, the Board found that the Capital Improvement Plan for the artificial turf field was consistent with the Master Plan of the Township on the following roll call vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: N. Janine Dickey, Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, Steve Rodzinak, Ron Charles, Chairperson Joanne Kane, Mayor Hayes

OPPOSITION: none

ABSENT: Former Councilman Albano
NOT ELIGIBLE: James Franco
ABSTAIN: Councilperson Filipe Pedroso

BOARD BUSINESS – Distribution of Meeting Packets:

Board members discussed the cost of paper copy distribution for planning applications compared to electronic copies. Councilperson Filipe Pedroso, Ron Charles, Steve Rodzinak preferred electronic copy distribution. Vice-Chair Barbara Kane, James Franco, Chairperson Joanne Kane, and Mayor Hayes preferred paper copy distribution. Further discussion was recommended by all board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.