

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
Adopted October 14, 2025**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Foose called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. .

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6. On January 15, 2025, 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 Zoning Board of Adjustment policy for public hearings: No new applications will be heard after 10:15 pm and no new testimony will be taken after 10:30 pm. Hearing Assistance is available upon request. Accommodation will be made for individuals with a disability, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), provided the individual with the disability provides 48 hours advance notice to the Planning Department Secretary before the public meeting." However, if the individual should require special equipment or services, such as a CART transcriber, seven days advance notice, excluding weekends and holidays, may be necessary.

SALUTE TO FLAG Chairman Foose lead the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

James Weideli	Present	Jeff Foose	Present
Donald Sweeney	Present	John Gayeski	Absent
Bruce Bongiorno	Present	Claudio Vescio	Present
Jeffrey Sicut	Present	Andrew Fresco	Present
Pushpavati Amin	Present	Chris Gabbett	Present
John Kulak	Present		

Board Professionals in attendance were Board Attorney Richard Oller, Esq., Township Engineer and Township Planner, Katherine Sarmad.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Foose opened the meeting to the public.

With there being members of the public wishing to speak, the Chairman Foose closed this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Application #24-029-ZB; Rockland APV Bridgewater Energy LLC

760 East Main Street; Block 338, Lot 9

Time to Act September 30, 2025

Procedure: Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan & Minor Subdivision Plan

Summary: Proposal to subdivide 2 lots owned by Somerset County Improvement Authority, (used by the County as a maintenance yard) so as to construct a new battery energy storage system facility on 1 of the lots.

Mr. Richard Oller, Board Attorney explained that the applicant decided to address some concerns and reschedule a hearing for December 9, 2025.

The board members felt that this ongoing application was noticed some time ago without a hearing and would like the applicant to re-notice.

THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN CARRIED TO DECEMBER 9, 2025.

Application #24-019-ZB; Gery-Ross Pierre and Farah Kadi

821 Hawthorne Avenue; Block 374, Lot 14

Summary: Request for Extension of Approval

Mr. Oller summarized the application and mentioned that the applicants are requesting an extension of their resolution.

Mr. Pierre explained that the they have not received signoff from the Engineer, and their resolution expires in December 2025. Mr. Pierre further explained that their project was contingent of a loan and professional contractors which were lost due to the length of time before they could obtain building permits.

Ms. Sarmad apologized and stated that there is a backlog of applications in compliance, but they will do their best to move this application along.

Mr. Foose wanted to be sure the applicant does not come back to the board. Mr. Oller stated that it is a one year extension.

Mr. Kulak asked if a homeowner has a situation similar to this, is there an alternative method they could use. Mr. Oller stated that building permits cannot be issued without engineering signoff.

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. Bongiorno, the board voted on a one year extension for the application based on the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

Ayes:	Mr. Weideli, Mrs. Amin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Fresco, Mr. Bongiorno, Mr. Sicat, and Chairman Foose
Nays:	None
Ineligible:	Mr. Kulak, Mr. Vescio, and Mr. Gabbett
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Gayeski

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Weideli, seconded by Mr. Bongiorno, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 7:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria DeSimone".

Maria DeSimone
Land Use Office Specialist