

**Borough of Newfield**  
**Planning/Zoning Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2022**

Chairman Clark Saccomanno called the meeting to order – This meeting is being held in full compliance with the Open Public Laws PL 1975 Chapter 231.

Flag Salute

Roll Call – Chairman Clark Saccomanno, Vice Chairman Andy Craig, Mayor Sullivan, Anthony Ogozalek, Solicitor, Wayne Johnson, Engineer, John George, Scott Miller, Ryan Ricci, Frank Scancellia were all present for the meeting, Ryan Hudson was not in attendance.

Mayor Sullivan swore in the new board member Ami Carter.

Approval of the November Meeting Minutes, Ryan Ricci made the motion, John George second the motion, the remaining members were all in favor. Chairman Clark Saccomanno and Secretary Donna Hermanson, executed the minutes.

Discussion regards to that the planning board would like to see on the Borough's website. Members advised that it is difficult to locate where the information is located for the planning board meeting agenda, past minutes etc. Stormwater management heading category, which should probably would fall under planning zoning board. So, if we were to take that category, change it and then write our site under all that. The storm water could be moved under that, so that's just an example of 1 quick improvement that I saw right away, but there might be many others that everyone else might have thoughts on. Recommendations, can we do that if we forward it all to Donna, that's acceptable to do that we can have an open discussion on that. We need to get on there and file a complaint about something on the site. Add at easy view trash, recycling and leaf collection changes.

Open to the Public – Andy Craig made the motion, John George second the motion, the remaining members were all in favor. Public - Good evening, Mike Parkhill. And my wife Catherine and I live at 106 Woodlawn Ave and I'm here tonight to ask the board to consider reviewing and possibly revising the sign ordinance. Particularly in relation to no trespassing signs. My neighbor excessive amount of no trespassing signs along the southern and northern border of my property. There are three in my driveway about 20 feet away from each other, there are five more on the side of the yard that are about 1520 feet away from each other, but they're posted in my grilling area, my patio area. My flower bed area and then five more across the back two on the left side, one is on a tree, one is on a post there's none along my 40-foot evergreen tree line and then a few more over to the right. It's unsightly, it's unnecessary, there's a fence. These signs are all on the outside of the fence line. We're in the process of selling our home. For reasons similar similarly related, but now I'm having problems and getting comments from agents who come from an open house, potential buyers and other neighbors that it's just scaring them away. So, what I'm asking is if the board could consider just looking into the sign ordinance because there's nothing illegal right now and nothing out of the ordinance that says you can't post them.

The other side, there are no signs on any other side of the property. The signs are targeted towards my property towards my driveway towards my yard. There are no signs on any other perimeter of this property. They're on my side of the fence but his fence, I guess due to an old ordinance is 1 foot in his property. It is determined to be the neighbor's fence. I've never disputed the property line. We've never gone over there. We have no reason to go there. We're quiet, there's just no need for it. This isn't really the forum for that, but I feel it's being used as a form of harassment. We've had other issues and like I said, that's not for this discussion. But our hands are tied and there's nothing we can do, and I'd like to ask if the borough is willing to at least take a look at the sign ordinance and see if there's anything that that could be done to control a situation like this in the future. Solicitor Anthony Ogorzalek stated that there is a form of ordinance regarding sign posting, however this is the wrong board that it is being brought up to. This board has no authority in changing they can make a recommendation to the Council. It would ultimately fall on the mayor and Council to change the ordinance.

Close to the public – Frank Scancella made the motion, Scott Miller second the motion all remaining members were in favor.

Mayor Sullivan introduced Mayor Elect Grova. As most of you know ut this will be my last planning board meeting. I think I've appointed everybody on this board for Clark. Saccomanno. So, I feel I'm leaving the board in very, very good hands. Clark really stepped up and became our chairman last year and has done a great job in trying to move the Planning board forward. So, I really appreciate that and obviously Andy Craig for stepping up becoming the vice chairman. But I wanted everyone I truly enjoyed my time on planning board. I was on planning board as the liaison the Council before Scott Miller. So I've been on here quite a few years and I just wanted everyone to meet Chuck (Charles Grova), and I think I'm going to leave the town in good hands with Chuck as well and the planning board. I'm sure he'll show up to the plan of over as many times as I do. Many, many years ago he was on the board too. Mid 90s Harold down recruited me and I spent about eight years on the Planning Zoning Board of Alternate number and so yes, I think I will also enjoy my time with the board and it's good to know what's going on in the planning board in in regards to the whole town piece. And that's not always the case that the mayor shows up to every full of meetings and I've made a point that most of them that's all just wanted to say my piece real quick thank you. H did a good job of getting us all here. Yes, yes, and I do appreciate everybody's volunteer going through. Sometimes it's I'll tell you it's not easy to get people to volunteer. You know, whenever people see me coming, they usually try to go the other way. After for five years I would have them for quite a long quite a long time and you know, Ryan, I've known since Ryan was a kid. Ryan moved into town and as soon as he did, he got on panel. Yeah, you're probably almost one member planning for an oldest member of town. Donna works in my office and has a lot of experience in this type of business. So, she was able to come on board. So yeah, all good, I appreciate somebody helps, thank you.

Scott Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting, John George second the motion and all members were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clark Saccomanno  
Chairman Clark Saccomanno 1/19/2023

Donna Hermanson  
Donna Hermanson, Secretary