

CHATHAM BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

August 6, 2008

4:00 p.m.

Chairman H.H. Montague called this Special Meeting Chatham Borough Planning Board on August 6, 2008 to order at 4:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Chatham Municipal Building. Mr. Montague announced that all legal notices have been posted for this meeting.

Members Present: Mayor V. Nelson Vaughan, Councilman Bruce Harris, Vincent DeNave, James Mitchell, Donna Cali-Charles, Chairman H.H. Montague.

Members Absent: John Hague, Alison Pignatello, Alan Pfeil, Thomas Sennett, John Bitar.

Anne Marie Rizzuto, Esq., attorney for the Board, was not present.

Public Comments

There were none.

Mr. Montague stated that the interviews scheduled for today's meeting will be held in public, not private session.

Interviews for Borough Planner

The following planners were interviewed by the Board:

- 1) Janice E. Talley – H2M Group
- 2) Susan Gruel – Heyer, Gruel & Associates
- 3) Richard Preiss – Phillips Preiss & Shapiro Associates
- 4) Joseph Layton & his associates – Maser Consulting

Each candidate submitted the following information:

- An opening statement and a brief history of his/her firm.
- How they would go about doing an analysis of the Borough's downtown business district
- What, if any, funding would be available to help with this analysis
- How they would help the Borough up-date their housing/COAH plan with a residential growth share ordinance
- How they would address the vacant land issue in the Borough
- Who, from their firm, would represent them at Board meetings
- What rates their firm would charge

At 6:30 p.m. a break was taken in the meeting.

At 6:35 p.m. the meeting resumed.

At 6:36 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session to discuss the following:

- The candidates for Borough planner

- The status of the Cougar Field litigation

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned to public session.

Mr. Montague reported to the public that all the candidates for Borough Planner have been interviewed. The Board will be presenting their recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council as soon as possible.

At 7:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Holler
Recording Secretary