Borough of Chatham

Annual Report

2009

Planning Board
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Organization and Administration

2009 Planning Board Membership:

Class I  Mayor V. Nelson Vaughan III
Class II  Municipal Administrative Official, Vincent J. DeNave
Class III Governing Body Representative, Council President, Joseph Mikulewicz
Class IV  Chairperson, Richard E. Crater, Jr.
           Vice Chairperson, John Bitar
           Environmental Commission Member, John Bitar
           Board of Adjustment Member, H.H. Montague
           Secretary, Donna Cali-Charles
           Alan Pfeil
           Susan Favate
           First Alternate, James Mitchell

Board Attorney, Anne Marie Rizzuto, Esq.
Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Holler
Administrative Secretary, Maria Maramonte

General Activities During 2009

MEETINGS:

The annual reorganization meeting was held on January 7, 2009. All other meetings were held the first and second Wednesday of each month except for January 14, 2009, February 11, 2009, March 11, 2009, April 8, 2009, May 6, 2009, June 3, 2009, July 1, 2009, October 7, 2009, and November 11, 2009 due to a lack of applications.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

- 2009-1 – Election of Officers
- 2009-2 - Meeting Schedule
- 2009-3 – Appointed Attorney - Anne Marie Rizzuto, McManimon & Scotland, LLC
- 2009-4- Newspaper Fees
- 2009-5 – Appointed Planner - Cheryl Bergailo
           (Taylor Design Group as Planner for the Business Districts)
• 2009-6 – Adopted Rules and Regulations for the operation of the Planning Board
• 2009-7- Appointed Engineer, John Hansen, Ferriero Engineering
• 2009-8 – Approved Application for World Champion K Taekwondo, LLC
• 2009-9 - Appointed Anne Marie Rizzuto, Esq. Professional Legal Services
• 2009-10 – Approved Application for Gravity Vault, LLC
• 2009-11 – Approved Application for Erin Moore/PowerFlow Kids Yoga, LLC

OTHER BUSINESS:
• Discussed adoption of an ordinance for PODS
• Established sub committees to review Floor Area Ratio and Sign Ordinance
• Discussed checklist for applications
• Planner submitted a final report and a sub committee was formed to evaluate her recommendations
• The FAR sub committee recommended changes to the ordinance and a resolution was approved
• An Ordinance #09-11 was approved to establish limitations and restrictions for Adult Entertainment uses and Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments
• Changes to the Sign Ordinance were discussed in great detail and a recommendation will be sent to the Mayor and Council in 2010.
• COAH is recommending over-laying in one of the Borough’s districts. The COAH consultant and subcommittee are recommending an overlay in the M-1 and M-3 Zone. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Board and Council.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:

Change of Permitted Use and Waiver of Site Plan Requirements:
- Power Flow Yoga - 242 Main Street, Approved July 8, 2009
- World Champion K Taekwondo - Byung Uk Kim, 453 Main Street, Approved June 10, 2009
- The Gravity Vault, LLC - 40 Watchung Avenue, Approved July 8, 2009

Minor Subdivision:
- Miriam Gunn – 74 N. Passaic Avenue, Approved December 9, 2009

LITIGATION:

Romano Application – 184 Hillside Avenue on remand from the Superior Court was reconsidered and denied on June 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Crater, Jr.