MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chris Chesner
Doug Joyce
Phil Garwood
Christopher Locatell
Peter Miller (arrived 7:06pm)
Robert Musgnug
Jeff Tait

Absent: William Barker, Scott Carew, Julie LaVan, William Newborg.

STAFF PRESENT:
Peter R. Thorndike
Sarah Hoffman, Acting Recording Secretary
Absent: Thomas Ford

Vice-Chairman Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, by reading the Open Public Meetings Act statement. The roll call of the Board is as listed above. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation by Brian Slaugh of Clarke Caton Hintz, Affordable Housing Consultant, regarding current Affordable Housing activities:

Mr. Slaugh advised that the Court is now taking matters into their own hands by removing it from the Executive branch and handing it over to the Judiciary branch. Scheduled date ninety (90) days (July 8th) following this decision, there will be no lawsuits allowed to be filed or adjudicated. Fifteen Judges have been appointed to handle these matters and train them on how to handle and decide cases. They have five months from July 8th to determine what is the municipalities’ responsibility, etc. No method has been made on how towns are to figure out the number of affordable housing. His recommendation is for the Low and Moderate Income Housing Oversight Committee meet and determine what their plan A and plan B should be.

They feel that the COAH decision is too vague and doesn’t really help the Low and Mod Committee as to what they should be doing and how to handle this weighty issue.

Mr. Garwood questioned the time frame, what needs to be done when, and whether the New Jersey League of Municipalities has been involved. Mr. Slaugh recommends not filing too soon, perhaps by July 4th.

Mr. Tait made a motion, seconded by Mr. Locatell, to adjourn the Special Meeting. The voice vote of the Board was unanimous in favor. The Special meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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