### NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA JANUARY 6, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Chairperson's Statement, Open Public Meetings Act
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. General Announcements
  - a. No new testimony will be heard after 10:00 p.m.
- 5. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 9, 2025
- 6. 2026 Elections
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Vice Chairman
- 7. Adoption of Resolutions
  - a. Resolution Adopting the Planning Board Rules of Procedure for 2026
  - b. Resolution Adopting the Planning Board Meeting Dates for 2026
  - c. Resolution Appointing Emma Von Thun as Planning Board Secretary for 2026
  - d. Resolution Authorizing a Professionals Services Agreement with Lou P. Rago, Esq. for Planning Board Legal Services
  - e. Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates for Planning Board Engineering Services
  - f. Resolution Authorizing a Professionals Services Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. for Planning Board Traffic Engineering Services
- 8. New Applications
- 9. Requests for Extensions
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Adjournment

FEBRUARY PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.

#### NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD 710 HERMANN ROAD, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ DECEMBER 09, 2025

#### **MINUTES**

#### This meeting was held in the Municipal Court Room

#### THOSE PRESENT

MR. ZANGARA

MR. MELANSON

MS. HUTCHINSON

MS. MALVONE

MR. RUBENSTEIN

MS. DECANDIA

MICHELLE GREDER, BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN ZANGARA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:29 P.M.

#### **MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2025** 

#### **MEMORIALIZATIONS**

MAIN STREET NORTH BRUNSWICK – PHASE 1H BLOCK 141, LOTS 44.04, 63.02, 121, 141.04 PRELIMIARY & FINAL MAJOR SUBDIVISION FOR 5 NEW/AMENDED LOTS AND AMENDED PRELIMIARY & FINAL MAJOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL

#### **NEW APPLICATION**

NBTOD ASSOCIATES, LLC, PHASE 1G (BUILDING L-2) 2300 US ROUTE 1 – TOMU DISTRICT CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL

PETER FLANNERY ESQ. APPEARED FOR APPLICANT, SWORN CRISPO ADONIS ENGINEER, SWORN STEVE HARRELL, SENIOR VP RETAIL OF OPERATIONS, SWORN

7:42 P.M. APPLICATION OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

7:42 P.M. APPLICATION CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT (MR. MELANSON, MS. HUTCHINSON)

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION (MR. MELANSON, MS. HUTCHINSON)

# ALL PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF APPLICATION. APPLICATION APPROVED

7:43 P.M. MEETING OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT (MR. MELANSON, MS. HUTCHINSON)
7:43 P.M. MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT (MR. RUBENSTEIN, MS. HUTCHINSON)

7:44 P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED

			MINUTES		
ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ROLL CALL	YES	NO
MR. ZANGARA	X		MR. ZANGARA	X	
MR. MELANSON	X		MR. MELANSON	X	
MS. HUTCHINSON	X		MS. HUTCHINSON (2)	X	
MS. MALVONE	X		MS. MALVONE	X	
MR. RUBENSTEIN	X		MR. RUBENSTEIN (1)	X	
MR. VIGNA		X	MR. VIGNA		
MS. VITOW		X	MS. VITOW		
ALT 1 MR. BROOKS		X	ALT 1 MR. BROOKS		
ALT 2 MS. DECANDIA	X		ALT 2 MS. DECANDIA	X	

NBTOD ASSOCIATES		
ROLL CALL	YES	NO
MR. ZANGARA	X	
MR. MELANSON	X	
MS. HUTCHINSON	X	
MS. MALVONE	X	
MR. RUBENSTEIN	X	
MR. VIGNA		
MS. VITOW		
ALT 1 MR. BROOKS		
ALT 2 MS. DECANDIA	X	

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

# RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLANNING BOARD RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick Planning Board (the Board) desires to adopt a set of Rules for its efficient and orderly operation; and

WHEREAS, the attached Rules have been prepared by the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the attached Rules and desires to adopt same during calendar year 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Board does hereby adopt the attached Rules for the operation of the Board for calendar year 2026.
- 2. The Planning Board Secretary is hereby directed to electronically forward a copy of this Resolution with the attached Rules to the North Brunswick Township Council, the North Brunswick Township Planning Board and to the North Brunswick Township Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick on January 6, 2026.

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	Emma Von Thun
	Planning Board Secretary

#### RULES FOR NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

#### PART I. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

# Rule 1:1. Annual Organization; Elections; Meetings.

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- 1:1-2. Election of Officers.
- 1:1-3. Board Attorney.
- 1:1-4. Board Engineer.
- 1:1-5. Board Planner.
- 1:1-6. Other Assistance.

#### Rule 1:2. Elections to Office and Duties.

- 1:2-1. Vote to Elect; Term.
- 1:2-2. Chair.
- 1:2-3. Vice-Chair.
- 1:2-4. Secretary.

# Rule 1:3. Meetings

- 1:3-1. Regular Meetings.
- 1:3-2. Agenda Meetings.
- 1:3-3. Special Meetings.
- 1:3-4. Quorum.
- 1:3-5. Open Meetings.
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#### PART II. PROCEDURES.

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- 2:1-1. Administration of Applications; Completeness.
- 2:1-2. Scheduling; Transmittals.
- 2:1-3. Filing of Maps and Documents.

## Rule 2:2. Hearing Procedure.

- 2:2-1. Appearance by Parties.
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- 2:2-4. Reports from Officers, Boards or Agencies.
- 2:2-5. Continuances.
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- 2:2-7. Testimony from Board-Employed and Other Expert Witnesses.
- 2:2-8. Viewing by Board; Personal Knowledge of Board Members.
- 2:2-9. Evidence; Exhibits.
- 2:2-10. Effect of Covenants, Judgments and Other Regulations Affecting Land Use.
- 2:2-11. Letters and Petitions in Objection.
- 2:2-12. Burden of Proof.
- 2:2-13. Adjournment Request (Amended and Adopted July 12, 2005)

#### Rule 2:3. Voting.

- 2:3-1. Voting Procedure.
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- 2:4-1. Record of Proceedings.
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- 2:4-6. Judicial Notice.
- 2:4-7. Dismissal Without Prejudice.
- 2:4-8. Amended Applications.
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#### PART III. TAKING ACTION ON APPLICATIONS.

#### Rule 3:1. Decisions.

- 3:1-1. Decision Based on Evidence.
- 3:1-2. Alternative Relief.
- 3:1-3. Reservation of Decision.
- 3:1-4. Memorializing Resolution.
- 3:1-5. Contents of Resolution; Publication.
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- 3:1-7. Time.
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# Rule 3:2. Rehearing; Modification.

- 3:2-1. Misrepresentation, Fraud, Mistake.
- 3:2-2. Rehearing.
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#### PART IV. AVAILABILITY AND ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS.

#### Rule 4:1. Alternate Members.

- 4:1-1. Designation.
- 4:1-2. Appointment of Alternate to Serve on Case.
- 4:1-3. Alternate to Serve Until Final Disposition.
- 4:1-4. Alternate No. I to Vote.
- 4:1-5. Alternate Not to Serve at Adjourned or Continued Hearing Unless Present at Prior Hearings.
- 4:1-6. Rights and Privileges.
- 4:1-7. Participation in Discussions; Voting.

#### Rule 4:2. Rule of Necessity.

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# Rule 4:3. Disqualification for Interest.

- 4:3.1. Disqualification Generally.
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#### Rule 4:4. Attendance.

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# PART V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

### Rule 5:1. Fees.

- 5:1-1. Application Fees.
- 5:1-2. Escrow Deposits for Professional Services.
- 5:1-3. Special Meeting Costs.

# Rule 5:2. Payment of Taxes.

5:2-1. Proof of Payment; Alternative Agreement.

#### Rule 5:3. Amendments.

5:3-1. Amendments to the Rules.

# **Rule 5:4** Educational Requirements.

- 5:4-1. Annual Education required for All Members.
- 5:4-2. Failure to Completer Educational Requirements.
- 5:4-3. Education for Existing Members

#### PART I ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

## Rule 1:1. Annual Organization; Elections; Meetings.

- **1:1-1. Organization Meeting.** The Planning Board (the "Board") will convene a meeting on the first (1st) Wednesday of January in each year at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of organizing the affairs of the Board for the calendar year. Such meeting will be conducted in the presence of the Board Attorney who was appointed for and who served for the preceding calendar year, and who will serve pro tem until reappointment or replacement.
- **1:1-2.Election of Officers.** At the reorganization meeting, the Board will elect from its Class IV members a Chair and Vice Chair. The Board will also elect a Secretary, who may be either a member of the Planning Board or such other Township employee designated for it. The Secretary will be compensated upon agreement and in accordance with the ordinances and/or determinations of the Planning Board and the Governing Body of North Brunswick.
- **1:1-3. Board Attorney.** The Board will annually appoint or reappoint an Attorney-At-Law in good standing of the State of New Jersey having recognized competence in the law of local governments, land use and zoning. The Board Attorney will be compensated pursuant to agreement and will be the legal advisor and representative of the Board. The Board Attorney will prosecute and defend litigation and appeals on behalf of the Board.
- **1:1-4. Board Engineer.** The Board will annually appoint or reappoint a licensed professional engineer in the State of New Jersey who will review and report on the applications and other matters pending before the Board at the direction of the Board, and who will attend the meetings of the Board unless otherwise instructed.
- **1:1-5. Board Planner.** The Board may appoint or engage a licensed professional planner in the State of New Jersey who will review applications and land use matters, prepare Master Plan, and reexamination reports and attend meetings at the pleasure of the Board.
- **1:1-6. Other Assistance.** The Board may also appoint other officers and/or assistants and engage such additional experts or staff as it may be necessary from time to time.

#### Rule 1:2. Elections to Office and Duties.

**1:2-1. Vote to Elect; Term.** A candidate receiving the majority vote of the entire membership of the Planning Board will be deemed elected to the office for which the vote was taken and will serve for one year or until he or she is reelected or his or her successor will take office. In the event that an office will become vacant in some factual {A0291464.DOC/SK}

manner or by operation of law, the office will be filled as soon as possible by the same election procedure, and the term of such office will be the unexpired term of the predecessor.

- **1:2-2.Chair.** The Chair, subject to these rules, will preside at all meetings and hearings of the Board, will decide all points of order and matters of procedure governing the meetings and hearings, and will perform all the duties normally appertaining to his or her office, as required by law, ordinance, these rules or prevailing parliamentary practice. The Chair or his or her designee will swear all witnesses giving testimony before the Board.
- 1:2-3. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair will reside at all Board meetings and hearings in the absence of the Chair or upon the disqualification of the Chair, and will have all the powers of the Chair under such circumstances. In the event both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent or disqualified, the longest tenured Class IV Member of the Board will temporarily preside at all Board meetings and hearings.
- **1:2-4. Secretary.** The Secretary will generally perform the secretarial work of the Board, including, but not limited to the following:
- (a) conduct all official correspondence, compile all required records, keep and maintain all necessary files and indexes with respect to the operation of the Board, cause all notices of meetings required to be given by the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law or any other applicable law or ordinance;
- (b) attend all meetings of the Board, take and have custody of all records, documents, maps, plans and evidence, and provide for the care and custody of items for which no other provision is made by statute or these rules; take or direct the taking of roll call votes, and insure the recordation of affirmative and negative votes as well as abstentions. The Secretary will call the roll starting with the Chair and Vice Chair then regular members in alphabetic order;
- (c) make an accurate recording or transcription record of the proceedings of each hearing of the Board in accordance with these rules and keep minutes of the proceedings of each meeting (including work sessions and agenda meetings) held by the Board and enter therein such resolutions and orders as are adopted by the Board;
- (d) caused to be mailed or otherwise delivered or made available to each member of the Board and the professional consultants to the Board true copies of the minutes and all other documents and materials pertaining to the business of the Board; and
- (e) perform other duties as normally appertain to the office of Secretary of the Planning Board, and assign such parts of such duties as may be appropriate to an assistant or designee.

### Rule 1:3. Meetings.

- 1:3-1. Regular and Agenda Meetings. Agenda meetings of the Planning Board will be held at the Municipal Building, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, New Jersey, at 7:30 p.m. on the first (1st) Wednesday of each month, with the regular meeting being held on the Tuesday immediately following said first (1st) Wednesday of the month. If the regular meeting day falls on a legal holiday, the meeting will be held on the next succeeding secular day or such other day as the Board will select. The Secretary will annually furnish a copy of the agenda and regular meeting dates for the year to the news media designated by the municipal governing body in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. Whenever there are no matters to be considered at any agenda or regular meeting other than the organization meeting, the Chair may dispense with such meeting by directing the Secretary to provide notice of cancellation to each member of the Board by reasonable means and as soon as possible in advance of the time set for such meeting and by giving notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act or otherwise posting the cancellation for the convenience and interests of the public.
- 1:3-2. Procedure at Agenda Meetings. The purpose of an agenda meeting will be to review the agenda for the upcoming regular meeting on the following Tuesday, and to discuss and study any applications or other matters coming before the Board, and will not be for the purpose of taking testimony or holding hearings in connection with an application for development. The Board may, however, consult with its professionals and consultants during agenda meetings. The Board also reserves the right, at its sole option, to informally query an applicant and/or its witnesses and experts during an agenda meeting. Not-withstanding the foregoing, no testimony will be taken and no presentations will be made at agenda meetings by applicants with applications pending before the Board. The consideration of any application or matter at an agenda meeting will not be considered a hearing as described in N.J.S.A. 40:55d-10. No private stenographic record or other private recording of an agenda meeting shall be permitted unless the Board Secretary receives at least three (3) days prior written notice that such recording shall take place. No stenographer or operator of any form of recording devices shall be permitted to disrupt or interrupt an agenda meeting, and any disruption or interruption may be cause for removal from the meeting place. The Board Secretary shall receive, upon demand, a complete copy of the transcript of any stenographic record or other private recording without charge to the Board.
- 1:3-3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chair, or in his or her absence by the Vice-Chair, at any time or upon the written request of two (2) or more members of the Board, provided notice thereof is mailed or given to each member of the Board at least two (2) days prior thereto, and to the public as required or allowed by law. An applicant may request a special meeting. Special meetings at the request of an applicant may be scheduled at the pleasure of the Board provided the public interest is fairly and reasonably served. The applicant will be responsible for all fees and costs related thereto.
- **1:3-4. Quorum.** At all meetings of the Board a quorum for the conducting of business will consist of five (5) qualified members. In the absence of a quorum, the members present may convene a meeting only for the purpose of adjourning the meeting,

and the hearing on any motion or application, to another date. No meeting will proceed without a qualified quorum of the Board for that particular hearing.

- **1:3-5.Open Meetings.** Except as otherwise provided for in these rules and regulations, the meetings of the Board will be open to the public at all times. Nothing herein will be construed to limit the discretion of the Board to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation of the public at any meeting. The Board may exclude the public only from those portions of a meeting at which the Board discusses matters within the exclusions provided under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-9b and/or N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.
- **1:3-6.Order of Business.** Subject to the discretion of the Chair to the contrary, the order of business for all regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows:
  - (a) Call to order;
  - (b) Statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act;
  - (c) Roll Call:
  - (d) Approval of minutes of previous meeting;
  - (e) Motions for adjournment of scheduled cases, and any other motions;
  - (f) Adoption of resolutions;
  - (g) Approval of vouchers;
  - (h) Old business (continued hearings);
  - (i) New business (new hearings);
  - (j) Open to public;
  - (k) Other discussion;
  - (l) Adjournment.
- **1:3-7. Time Limitations.** The Board will be under no obligation to consider new applications after 10:00 p.m., and will take no new testimony beyond and will adjourn no later than 11:00 p.m. This rule may be waived by the Chair or then presiding Member of the Board.
- **1:3-8. Parliamentary Procedure.** Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be followed whenever a particular procedure or practice is not contemplated by these rules.

## PART II PROCEDURES

## Rule 2.1 Applications and Hearings.

- **2:1-1. Administration of Applications; Completeness.** Applications for development will be considered by the Board in accordance with the Township of North Brunswick's Land Use ordinance (the Land Use Ordinance). Upon receipt of an application by the Board Secretary, the application will be assigned a docket number which will thereafter appear on all subsequent papers filed in the case. The original copy of the application, together with a copy of all other documents filed with the application, will be filed in the permanent case docket of the Board. The Board or its designees will determine the completeness of the application in accordance with the following procedures:
- (a) The Township Planner, the Board Engineer and the Administrative Officer are hereby designated as the Completeness Review Committee of the Board to examine an applicant's request for a waiver of any of the submission requirements of the various checklists (hereinafter the Completeness Review Committee) authorized under the Land Use Ordinance.
- (b) The Completeness Review Committee shall submit its recommendation whether to deny or grant the waiver of any such submission requirement(s) to the Board Chair whose determination shall be binding upon the applicant.
- (c) The Board Chair shall have the right to refer any checklist submission waiver request to the full Board for its deliberation and decision, in which case the decision of the full Board shall be binding upon the applicant.
- (d) Nothing herein shall be construed as diminishing the applicant's obligation to prove in the application process that he, she, or it is entitled to approval of the application. In this regard, the Board retains the right during the hearing process to require the submission of any waived item if, in the Board's judgment, circumstances so warrant.
- (e) The Board may subsequently require correction of any information found to be in error and submission of additional information not specified in the Land Use Ordinance or any revisions in the accompanying documents, as are reasonably necessary to make an informed decision as to whether the requirements necessary for approval of the application for development have been met.

- (f) Notwithstanding the waiver of any permit or approval from any other agency, board or body other than the Planning Board for completeness purposes, the applicant shall remain subject to the requirements of any such other agency, board or body having jurisdiction over the subject property or over the subject application.
- (g) Upon a determination of completeness, the Administrative Officer will so notify the applicant, and the application will be determined to be complete as of the day it was so certified by the Administrative Officer for purposes of commencement of the time period within which the Board must act upon an application.
- **2:1-2.Scheduling; Transmittals.** Upon a determination of completeness in accordance with these rules and regulations, the application will be assigned a hearing date upon notice, where required. The Board Secretary will forward copies of all application materials and documents to the Board Attorney, the Board Engineer and, where appropriate, the Board's planning consultant. Applications will be scheduled so as to comply with statutory and ordinance limitations in time. Scheduling of matters for work session, regular session or subcommittee review will be at the discretion of the Board or its designee(s).
- **2:1-3. Filing of Maps and Documents.** At least ten (10) days prior to the time appointed for the hearing, the applicant must file the required maps and documents for approval with the Planning Board Secretary. This time requirement for the filing of documents applies only to the first hearing on an application. Where a number of adjourned hearings are held, it will not be necessary that revised maps and supplemental documents be filed ten (10) days prior to such adjourned hearing. However, revised maps and supplemental documents must nevertheless be filed five (5) working days prior to any adjourned hearing in order to afford the Board and its professionals an opportunity to review the same prior to the continued hearing.

# Rule 2:2. Hearing Procedure.

- **2:2-1.Appearance by Parties.** At the time of the hearing on an application, the applicant, or in the case of an appearance by a non-applicant party, such party, will appear in person, or such person may be represented by an Attorney-at-Law admitted to practice in the State of New Jersey. No corporation, Limited Partnership, or Limited Liability Company will be heard except through an Attorney-at-Law admitted to practice in the State of New Jersey.
- **2:2-2. Testimony Under Oath.** All persons giving testimony at a hearing, will first be duly sworn by the Chair or his or her designee.
- **2:2-3.Order of Presentation.** Each applicant will be considered in accordance with the following order of presentation:
- (a) The applicant will enter an appearance on the record and be duly sworn. If the applicant is represented by counsel, the attorney will enter his or her appearance, identifying the name and location of his or her firm, identifying the client who is represented, and then will proceed to make opening remarks.

- (b) The applicant will then present testimony and such other evidence, depicted, documentary or otherwise, upon which it intends to rely to establish a basis for the relief sought.
- (c) At the conclusion of a witness' testimony, the Chair will allow the members and, at the discretion of the Chair, any interested parties to ask questions of such witness, and may permit reasonable cross-examination by counsel representing an objector or interested party. An attorney representing a group of objectors or interested parties will submit to the Board a written list of persons represented by such attorney and will submit a copy of the same to the applicant or the attorney for the applicant. Such persons will participate in the proceedings only through their attorney.
- (d) Upon the conclusion of the presentation of the application, any objector(s) wishing to present a case in objection to the relief sought may do so in such order as may be recognized by the Chair, and may call any witnesses for testimony and introduce any documentary or other evidence upon which he, she or they will rely. Any witness and objector will be subject to reasonable cross-examination by the applicant or his, her or its attorney and the Board, and the Chair will allow a reasonable opportunity for interested parties to ask questions of such witnesses. The Chair shall first recognize presentations of counsel for objectors and those presentations involving expert testimony in the order that the Chair shall determine upon the exercise of reasonable discretion. Such presentations shall be subject generally to the procedure set forth in the above subparagraphs, affording the attorney for the applicant, an applicant pro se and any experts for the applicant a reasonable opportunity for cross-examination and commentary.
- (e) The Board shall thereafter recognize public commentary by interested parties appearing pro se, and each such interested party shall be subject to cross-examination. The Chair shall have the right to cause any interested party appearing before the Board to be first duly sworn and shall do so whenever an interested party will proffer facts on which the Board would be expected to rely. All rebuttal testimony or evidence shall be considered in such order as the Chair shall designate. Only relevant objections shall be considered by the Board. The Board shall not consider unreasonable, repetitive or disorderly objections. The Board shall have the power to limit objections to those expressed by interested parties as the term is defined in the Municipal Land Use Law and construed by the courts of this State.
- (f) Any member of the Board may place evidence before the Board as to any relevant matter of which he or she has personal or official knowledge for the purpose of amplifying the record, including facts ascertained from a viewing of the premises in question subject to these rules.
- (g) The Board shall have the right to rely upon the expertise of its legal, engineering and planning consultants. The Board may also call, as witnesses, other municipal officials such as police officers, municipal engineers, the tax assessor, municipal employees managing municipal utilities, etc., to testify as to particular facts pertinent to the application. The Board shall also have the power to acquire additional evidence consistent with these rules.
- **2:2-4. Reports from Officers, Boards or Agencies.** The Board may refer an application to another person or agency for a report provided that such reference

shall not extend the time within which the Board must act. Such reports from other persons or agencies shall be made available to the applicant and to other interested parties for examination and refutation. The applicant and interested parties shall have the right to subpoena the officer making the report for purposes of cross-examination as to its contents and the basis for conclusions. The Board shall either obtain such reports prior to the hearing, giving all interested parties the right to examine the same, or the hearing may be adjourned to a specific time and place for the purpose of receiving the reports and recommendations of public officials or agencies involved.

- 2:2-5. **Continuances.** All cases may be continued to another date certain, which shall be the next regularly scheduled Board meeting unless otherwise determined by the Board. The Chair shall announce to all those present the date, time and place to which the hearing on the matter is continued. No further notice need be given by the applicant in that event. However, if the matter is continued to a special meeting, notice required under the Open Public Meetings Act shall be given. The Board reserves the right to continue a hearing on its own motion tor purposes of further consideration, subject to limitations of time as provided in the Land Use Ordinance and the Municipal Land Use Law. The Board may also grant reasonable requests of interested parties to continue a matter in order to afford such parties sufficient time to prepare, engage counsel, obtain witnesses, or for other good cause. However, the Board shall do so only to the extent that the applicant's interests are not unduly compromised or prejudiced with respect to the applicant's protected interests pursuant to prevailing law. Where adjournment for a continuance would extend the statutory period within which the Board is required to act, the consent of the applicant shall be evidenced in writing or shall be made on the record.
- **2:2-6. Refusal to Consent to Continuance.** Where an applicant has taken a substantial period of time to present his or her case and then refuses to consent to a continuance so that objectors can be heard or the Board has insufficient opportunity to consider the matter, such refusal by the applicant may be deemed arbitrary and unreasonable by the Board. Should the applicant move the Board to decide the matter without affording such opportunity, the applicant shall be at risk of a denial of the application for failure to sustain the burden of proof and failure to afford the Board an opportunity to reach an informed decision.
- 2:2-7. Testimony from Board-Employed and Other Expert **Witnesses.** The Board may require expert witnesses and reports. Experts shall be qualified to the satisfaction of the Board. In addition to experts for the applicant or others, the Board shall have the power to engage its own independent experts to either corroborate or refute the testimony of experts produced by an applicant or other party. The Board shall not be bound to accept the testimony of any expert. Where there is conflicting testimony of experts, the Board shall decide which to accept. These rules shall not be construed as requiring expert testimony in all instances to sustain a Board finding. The Board may require its consultants to confer with the experts of the applicant and, where appropriate, with experts hired by objectors or the Board in order to expedite consideration of the application. Informal communications between the Boards consultants or experts and those for the applicant shall be permitted outside the context of public meetings. The applicant shall reimburse the municipality for the expenses incurred by the municipality in having Board professionals and experts participate in such communications.

- 2:2-8. Viewing by Board; Personal Knowledge of Board Members. Viewing the property that is the subject of the application shall be permitted upon reasonable notice to and consent of the parties. In that event, or in the event that one or more members of the Board are well acquainted with the subject property, knowledge thereby acquired of any particular fact or facts may be used in making a decision if such member or members establishes such facts as the record at the time of the hearing. The applicant, any objector, or any interested party shall have an opportunity to refute such facts. However, in the event that Board members visit the subject property or have historical or other knowledge of the subject property and no reference is made to the same on the record, it will be presumed that such facts were not necessary to reach an informed decision and merely helped such members to understand the evidence presented to them at the hearing. The absence of references to site visits and impressions shall not vitiate any decision otherwise reached on adequate grounds.
- **2:2-9. Evidence; Exhibits.** The formal rules of evidence adopted by the courts of the State of New Jersey shall not be enforced in the proceedings before the Planning Board. However, no decision shall be based upon any facts not proved or on matters which are not on the record unless they be such items of which the Board is entitled to take judicial notice. When any documents or exhibits are admitted into evidence during or for purposes of a hearing, they shall be marked and shall be retained by the Board as part of the permanent file. After the Board has rendered its decision and the time for filing an appeal has expired, the Board Secretary may return any such exhibits or documents to the person who offered them upon request. Any evidence presented, whether by testimony or by documents and exhibits presented for the purpose of the hearing(s), which are not questioned or controverted by any other party or by any member of the Board, may be deemed to be true by the Board for purposes of its decision. The Board may limit irrelevant, immaterial or redundant testimony.
- 2:2-10. Effect of Covenants, Judgments and Other Regulations Affecting Land Use. The Planning Board is established for the sole purpose of exercising the powers conferred upon it by the Municipal Land Use Law. The Board is authorized by local ordinance only to hear matters within the purview of that ordinance. A restrictive covenant shall be construed as being in the nature of a private contract which may be enforceable either by a Grantor or other protected party. Such a covenant shall not affect the jurisdiction of the Board, and the grant of relief by this Board shall not affect the validity of any restrictive covenant. The existence of a covenant shall generally have no bearing on the Board's determination, unless a restrictive covenant was imposed as a condition of prior relief to the benefit of the public.
- **2:2-11. Letters and Petitions in Objection.** Letters of objection and petitions shall not be admissible, though the writer of a letter or the signer of a petition may appear and testify.
- **2:2-12. Burden of Proof.** The burden of proof is upon the applicant, and it is the applicant's responsibility to supply competent and credible evidence in order that the Board might determine the nature and degree of the relief sought by the applicant. The applicant must establish, to the Board's satisfaction, that pursuant to statutory and ordinance criteria, the applicant is entitled to the relief sought.

- **2:2-13. Adjournment Request.** Each adjournment request will be considered in accordance with the following:
- (a) any request for an adjournment shall be made in writing to the Board Secretary;
- (b) upon written request by an applicant for an adjournment, the applicant shall execute an Extension Consent Form thereby extending the time periods under the MLUL within which the Board would normally be required to act on said application;
- (c) at the discretion of the Board, an applicant may be required to re-notice in accordance with the MLUL;
- (d) if the Board grants the requested adjournment, there shall be no guarantee that said application will be placed on the agenda for the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting; and
- (e) after three (3) adjournment requests, the Board reserves the right to dismiss the pending application, without prejudice, absent any demonstration by the applicant of exceptional circumstances as deemed acceptable to the Board.

## Rule 2:3. Voting.

- **2:3-1. Voting Procedure.** All motions shall require a second. The Chair will allow discussion on any motion made and duly seconded. All votes shall be taken by roll call, and the vote and name of the member casting the vote shall be recorded in the minutes. Unless otherwise provided herein or under prevailing law, any action may be authorized by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting.
- **2:3-2. Voting Margin and Effect.** If a motion to approve an application for development fails to receive the number of required votes, such failure shall be deemed an action denying the application.
- **2:3-3. Abstentions.** Abstentions are disfavored except for good cause. An abstention shall be regarded as an assent to the vote of the majority. Thus, if the majority of those voting would affirm a measure, abstentions would be counted toward affirmance; if the majority would defeat a measure, abstentions will be counted toward defeat. A disqualified member shall not be counted as an abstention and shall, instead, remove himself or herself from the panel and not be involved in the consideration of the application. If the Board is evenly split in its decision, no majority exists with whom an abstaining member can be said to vote and accordingly abstentions shall not be assigned to either bloc. A tie vote shall defeat an application, and abstentions shall not be construed to approve an application; nor shall abstentions be used to create a tie.
- **2:3-4. Voting Eligibility; Review of Record.** When any hearing before the Board has been continued, a member of the Board who was absent for one or more hearing sessions shall be eligible to vote on the matter upon which the hearing is

conducted notwithstanding the member's prior absence provided that such member certifies in writing to the Board that he or she has read a transcript or listened to a recording of the entire session for which he or she was absent. This rule shall not be construed as authorizing any hearing to be held whenever less than a quorum of the Board is present.

## Rule 2:4. Other Hearing Requirements and Procedures.

- **2:4-1. Record of Proceedings.** The record shall mean the application form, any exhibits or other documents submitted to the Board in support thereof, maps, proper submissions by interested parties, and the verbatim record of the hearings. The notes of the Board secretary shall also be part of the record, and the minutes of the meeting shall be considered both a summary of the record and part thereof. No private stenographic record or other private recording shall be permitted unless the Board Secretary receives at least three (3) days prior written notice that such recording shall take place. The Board Secretary shall receive, upon demand, a complete copy of the transcript of any private stenographic record or other private recording without charge to the Board.
- **2:4-2. Transcripts.** The Board shall furnish a transcript of the hearing or duplicate recording in lieu thereof to any interested party at his or her expense, unless the Municipality shall assume all or part of the expense of any transcripts needed for review. The option as to whether to furnish a duplicate recording or a transcript lies entirely with the Board and the Municipality. Interested parties shall not be charged more than the maximum permitted in N.J.S.A. 2A:11-15.
- **2:4-3. Inability to Make Verbatim Record.** If, at the time set for hearing, a verbatim record cannot be made for good reason, as where recording equipment is inoperable, the Board shall, if time is not a factor, continue the hearing to another date. However, if time is a factor, and if all interested parties present agree, the Board may proceed with the meeting on the understanding that in the event of an appeal or further review, an agreed statement of facts will be supplied to the reviewing body. In the absence of such agreement, where time is a factor, the Board shall be entitled to deny the relief sought in order to prevent a statutory approval by reason of the Board's failure to make a decision within the required time.
- **2:4-4. Subpoenas; Contempt.** The Chair and the Board Attorney shall have power to administer oaths and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant evidence, including witnesses and documents presented by the parties. The provisions of the County and Municipal Investigations Law, N.J.S.A. 2A:67A-1 *et seq.* shall apply. Any person under subpoena who refuses or fails to appear or refuses to be examined or answer any proper questions or to produce any books, papers, documents or tangible things in accordance with the subpoena, shall be subject to proceedings in the Superior Court for an Order to compel him or her to do so. If a person subject to subpoena shall engage in contemptuous conduct at any hearing, the Board may apply to the court to compel such person to refrain therefrom, and may seek costs and fees in connection therewith.

- **2:4-5. Perjury.** Any person who shall willfully give false testimony under oath in the course of any hearing held before this Board shall, in accordance with the provisions of the County and Municipal Investigations Law (<u>N.J.S.A. 2A:67A-1 et seq.</u>), be guilty of perjury.
- **2:4-6. Judicial Notice.** The Board may take judicial notice of such matters as are so notorious as not to be the subject of reasonable dispute, including matters of common knowledge, and provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law and the North Brunswick Land Use Ordinance.
- **2:4-7. Dismissal Without Prejudice.** The Board, on its own motion, may dismiss any action without prejudice if neither the applicant nor anyone on his, her or its behalf appears at the time set for the hearing of said application. Further, the Board, on its own motion, may dismiss, without prejudice, any application for failure to comply with these rules. An applicant may, at any time before the commencement of the hearing voluntarily withdraw his, her or its application, in which case, the application shall be dismissed without prejudice. The Board reserves the power to impose reasonable terms and conditions on the dismissal of an application.
- **2:4-8. Amended Applications.** An applicant may, prior to the commencement of a hearing, amend his, her or its application without leave of the Board and in all such cases new notice shall be given as in the case of the original application. After commencement of a hearing, an application may be amended only with leave of the Board. If the amendment after commencement of hearing is for the purpose of reducing the nature or extent of the variance or other relief sought, no new notice will be required. Otherwise new notice shall be given.
- **2:4-9. Time of the Application Rule.** Those development regulations which are in effect on the date of submission of an application for development shall govern the review of that application for development and any decision made with regard to that application for development. Any provisions of an ordinance, except those relating to health and public safety, that are adopted subsequent to the date of submission of an application for development, shall not be applicable to that application for development.
- **2:4-10. Conditions.** The Board shall have plenary power and discretion to impose conditions. The conditions shall be development-specific and predominantly aimed at mitigating specific concerns arising in connection with the proposed project. Such conditions shall not be deemed exclusive and the applicant shall be subject to terms and conditions of approval that are expressed and implied at law, including those imposed pursuant to ordinance as applied uniformly to every development application. If a term or condition of approval is imposed by ordinance or law and the Planning Board is not expressly granted the power to waive, enlarge or relax such term or condition, the Board shall not have such discretion or power. The right to impose conditions is an inherent power of the Board that exist regardless of whether the ordinance grants such a right to the Board. To be enforceable, a condition must be part of the record or required by the Land Use Ordinance. Conditions must not offend against any provisions of the Land Use Ordinance, must be in the public interest, must be reasonably calculated to achieve a

legitimate objective of the ordinance and shall not be unnecessarily burdensome to the applicant and/or owner. The Board shall have the power to require that conditions be fulfilled within a stated period of time. The Board may require that some or all conditions of approval, or the resolution itself, be recorded with the County Clerk along with any maps for filing.

# PART III TAKING ACTION ON APPLICATIONS

#### Rule 3:1. Decisions.

- **3:1-1. Decision Based on Evidence.** Each case shall be decided strictly on the basis of the facts adduced at the hearing viewed in light of the statutory and ordinance requirements. The Board is a quasi-judicial body whose function is to apply the facts adduced at the hearing to the legal requirements of the statute and ordinance and to decide whether the requested relief can be legally granted or not. The number of opponents or objectors present, or even the fact that no objections are heard, shall be only of secondary importance unless the Board finds that the absence of objection is evidence that relief can be granted without substantial detriment of the public good. The facts adduced at the hearing, all testimony and all evidence on which the Board makes its decision must be part of the record and the Board's decision must include findings of the facts from the record on which it made its decision and conclusions on the points of law raised. The Board's decision must be made at a public meeting and the Board's vote on the making of its decision and the adoption of its resolution must be taken at a public meeting.
- **3:1-2. Alternative Relief.** The Board shall have the discretionary power to grant relief other than the precise relief or portion thereof sought by the applicant provided that interested parties shall have received reasonable notice of the fact that such relief might be granted.
- **3:1-3. Reservation of Decision.** The Board may decide to reserve decision on a matter after the hearing is completed and may make its decision at the next meeting provided that the period within which to decide the application will not expire prior to the next succeeding meeting. The Board may also authorize the Board Attorney to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting provided prevailing time limitation will not expire prior to such meeting. The making of a motion to have a resolution prepared for consideration shall not be construed as the making of a decision, but shall be only an indication of an intention to act upon an application in a certain manner. The Board shall not be bound by such measure.
- **3:1-4. Memorializing Resolution.** After a decision has been reached by the Board as to whether the relief requested by the applicant is to be granted or denied and upon what terms, the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law must be embodied in the form of a written resolution. When the Board votes to adopt a resolution, the findings and conclusions set forth in the resolution become the findings and conclusions of the Board. It shall be immaterial that at the time of voting certain Board members may have given other reasons or discussed matters not addressed in the resolution; nor shall it be necessary that Board members articulate particular reasons for reaching a decision at all, it being sufficient that the application be either approved or disapproved by a voice vote and that thereafter a memorializing resolution is adopted. The Board Attorney shall prepare the resolution in such a way as to give the greatest possible support to the decision which has been made by the Board. Once the resolution has been prepared and has been voted

on favorably by the members of the Board, it shall become a memorializing resolution of the decision of the Board.

- **3:1-5. Contents of Resolution; Publication.** A copy of the Board's resolution shall be furnished to the applicant and his, her or its attorney within ten (10) days from the date of the Board's decision. The Board's Secretary shall cause notice of the Board's action to be published, once, in the official newspaper of the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Use Law. The resolution of the Board shall contain:
- (a) a statement of the Board's findings of fact and its conclusions of law supporting the Board's decision, any conditions imposed upon the relief granted, or other provisions as the Board may deem appropriate and necessary;
- (b) where the Board has determined to impose conditions on the relief granted, such conditions shall be clearly set forth in the resolution. The Board may, when it is deemed necessary to protect the public interest specifically provide in its resolution for the retention of jurisdiction over the matter before the Board for a reasonable time. Such time may be specifically set forth or may be conditioned on the happening of a certain event. The purpose of such retention of jurisdiction shall be to enable the Board without limitation to vary the terms of any conditions therein imposed or to impose additional conditions, in the public interest, in light of the then-existing circumstances; or to permit the Board to finalize it action with respect to its other powers, as granted to the Board by statute and/or ordinance. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the Board's inherent power to modify a decision for good cause shown, irrespective of whether the Board has expressly retained jurisdiction; and
- (c) the resolution shall set forth, with specificity, the relief granted to the applicant. The Board may grant such relief as it deems appropriate and in keeping with the intent and purpose of the appropriate ordinance, as the case may be, although the relief granted may be different in kind or degree from that requested in the application.
- **3:1-6. Nature of Resolution Drafts.** A resolution prepared by the Board Attorney and transmitted to the Board for consideration at its next meeting shall be considered a privileged document between the Attorney and the Planning Board and shall not become a matter of public record until such time as it is determined by the Board and its Attorney that the Resolution properly memorializes and reflects the decision of the Board. The Board and the Attorney may consent to a waiver of this requirement for good cause shown and expressed by the applicant or interested parties at or before the time of decision.
- **3:1-7. Time.** The resolution of memorialization shall be adopted within forty-five (45) days of the decision. Such resolution of memorialization shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Planning Board who voted in favor of the action previously taken. No other member shall vote thereon. If the resolution of memorialization is not adopted within forty-five (45) days of the Board's action, any interested party may apply to the Superior Court for an Order compelling the Board to reduce its findings and conclusions to writing within a stated time, and the cost of the application, including attorney's fees, shall be assessed against the municipality pursuant

to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10(g)(2). Municipal action shall be deemed to have been taken at the original meeting and not the date at which the resolution or memorialization is adopted, except that the date on which the resolution of memorialization is adopted shall constitute the date of decision for the required mailing of a copy of the decision to the applicant and for the publication of the Board's decision in the official newspaper of the municipality as required by subsections (h) and (i) of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10.

**3:1-8. Publication of Notices of Decisions.** A copy of the resolution of memorialization shall be mailed within ten (10) days of the date of the decision to the applicant or his, her or its attorney without charge, and to all who request a copy of the decision for a reasonable fee. A copy of the resolution shall be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and Administrative Officer and shall be available to the public upon adoption. A brief notice of the decision shall be published in the official newspaper of the municipality. Such publication shall be arranged by the applicant. The period of time in which an appeal of the decision may be made shall run from the first publication of the decision. The date of adoption of the memorializing resolution shall constitute the date of decision for the purpose of mailings, filings and publications.

#### Rule 3:2. Rehearing; Modification.

- 3:2-1. **Misrepresentation, Fraud, Mistake.** The Board may presume that all material statements of fact are true. The Board may also presume that all exhibits. maps and other documents submitted are true and accurate representations of all facts which such materials have been introduced to substantiate. In the event that it later appears to the Board on reasonable grounds that an applicant or witness has not been truthful, or that a mistake has been made, and such circumstances bear on facts which are essential in the granting of the relief sought by the applicant and were relied upon the Board in taking such action, then, upon discovery of such misrepresentation, fraud or mistake, the Board may rehear the matter either upon application of an interested party or on its own motion when unusual circumstances so require in the interest of justice. In such event, the Board may, upon notice directed to the applicant and all other interested parties, require the applicant to appear before it for the purpose of explaining the testimony previously given at the hearing. At such subsequent hearing it may be determined whether or not the testimony as given at the original hearing was in fact false. Mistake or fraud in proceedings, left uncured, shall constitute grounds for rescission.
- **3:2-2. Rehearing.** An applicant or other interested party may, by right, within forty-five (45) days after the publication of notice of the decision, move the Board for a rehearing of the matter or a portion thereof for the reasons provided in Rule 3:2-1 by filing an application in the form of a letter addressed to the Board containing a brief statement of the grounds relied upon. If the motion is granted by the Board, it shall fix a date for rehearing and shall require the moving party to give notice to all persons who participated in the original hearing or hearings, upon such terms as the Board may deem adequate. The Board may order a rehearing on its own motion when unusual circumstances so require in the interest of justice. Any motions to rehear an application or portion thereof made after forty five (45) days following the publication of decision shall be considered

strictly by leave and discretion of the Board in consideration of the protected interests of the applicant as balanced against the public interest.

- **3:2-3. Vacation or Modification.** At any time after the adoption of a resolution of memorialization any person having an interest in such decision may move the Board for an order vacating or modifying any term or condition of said decision by filing with the Board a petition in the form of a letter setting forth the reasons therefor and the grounds relied upon. If the petition is granted, the Board shall fix a date for hearing and the movant shall give notice of such hearing in the same form and manner as otherwise required in the case of original applications. The Board, on its own motion, may, in a proper case, similarly order all parties in interest to show cause at a time and place fixed in the notice why the terms or provisions of any variance ought not to be vacated or modified.
- **3:2-4. Res Judicata.** If the same parties or their privies seek the same relief in the same factual setting, the case may be dismissed on the ground that it has already been decided. However, if the first case was not a decision on the merits, there shall be no bar to the second application. If a second application seeks relief which is entirely different or is of lesser proportions than in the first application, the second application shall not be barred. An applicant shall also be given a fair opportunity to show that circumstances have changed significantly or that other good cause exists for reconsideration. This rule shall not be construed to disallow an application for modification or enlargement of an approval or for the lifting or relaxation of conditions previously imposed in connection with an approval upon a proper showing of changed circumstances or other good cause warranting a reconsideration.

# PART IV AVAILABILITY AND ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS

#### Rule 4:1. Alternate Members.

- **4:1-1. Designation.** There shall be two alternate members of the Board who shall be designated by the appointing authority as Alternate No. I and Alternate No. 2, respectively, and each alternate shall retain said designation during the term for which he or she was appointed.
- **4:1-2. Appointment of Alternate to Serve on Case.** During the absence or disqualification of any regular member, one of the alternate members shall serve in the place of said regular member; provided, however, that where the alternate member is designated to serve in place of a regular member who is disqualified from participating in the hearing of a particular case, the alternate member shall be designated to serve only with respect to such case unless otherwise needed to fill an absence of a member.
- **4:1-3. Alternate to Serve Until Final Disposition.** In the event of disqualification of a regular member for any hearing or matter, an alternate member who has been designated to sit in place of a regular member and who has participated in such hearing or matter coming before the Board shall continue to act in the place of such regular member until the final disposition of said matter by the Board.
- **4:1-4. Alternate No. 1 to Vote.** In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote. Alternate No. 1 shall vote.
- 4:1-5. Alternate Not to Serve at Adjourned or Continued Hearing Unless Present at Prior Hearings. When a member has been present and has participated in the first hearing on any matter, no alternate member shall be designated to serve during the absence of such member during any adjourned or continued hearing or hearings on the same matter unless said alternate member was present at such first hearing or any prior adjourned or continued hearing on such matter.
- **4:1-6. Rights and Privileges.** An alternate member who has been designated to serve in the place of an absent or disqualified member shall, during the period of service, enjoy all of the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all of the duties and disabilities pertaining to members if the alternate member is eligible in all pertinent respects, provided, however, that no alternate member shall be eligible to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board.
- **4:1-7. Participation in Discussions; Voting.** Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings, but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member, nor shall any vote be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member.

### Rule 4:2. Rule of Necessity.

4:2-1. Appointment of Additional Members. If the Board lacks a quorum because one or more of its regular or alternate members are prohibited from acting on a matter due to personal or financial interests therein as regulated under Rule 4:3 or prevailing law, regular members of the Board of Adjustment shall be called upon to serve, for that matter only, as temporary members of the Planning Board in order of seniority of continuous service to the Board of Adjustment until there are the minimum number of members necessary to constitute a quorum to act upon the matter without any personal or financial interest therein, whether direct or indirect. If a choice has to be made between regular members of equal seniority, the Chair of the Board of Adjustment shall make the choice. This procedure shall be invoked only when the direct and proximate cause of a lack of quorum is the disqualification and not the mere absence of one or more members of the Board.

# Rule 4:3. Disqualification for Interest.

- **4:3.1. Disqualification Generally.** No member of the Board shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he or she has, either directly or indirectly, any personal or financial interest. No member of the Board shall participate in proceedings in which such member has a conflicting interest that may interfere with the impartial performance of his or her duties as a member of the Board. The decision as to whether a particular interest is sufficient to disqualify shall depend on the facts and circumstances of the particular case. The test shall be whether the circumstances could reasonably be interpreted to show that they had the likely capacity to tempt the Board member to depart from his or her sworn public duty.
- **4:3-2. Local Government Ethics Law.** The members of the Board shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S. 40A:9-22.1 *et seq.* and shall annually file a statement as prepared by the local Finance Board and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs. Pursuant to such law, no Board member shall act in his or her official capacity in any matter where he or she, a member of his or her immediate family or a business organization in which he or she has an interest, has a direct or indirect financial or personal interest or involvement that might reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity or independence of judgment. To the extent that the word involvement as cited hereinabove extends the reach of the law beyond "interest", the same may be considered a source of disqualification and shall be closely examined by the Board. Any interest or involvement of the Board member that is not shared in common with other members of the public shall be examined to determine eligibility.
- **4:3-3. Examples of Disqualification for Interest.** Any member of the Board shall disqualify himself or herself from sitting on the hearing of any matter in which he or she has a disqualifying interest, such as, but not limited to, the following situations:
  - (a) where the member owns property located within two hundred (200) feet of the property affected by the action;

- (b) where the applicant is related within the third degree of consanguinity to the member by blood or is the husband or wife of any person so related;
- (c) where the applicant or his, her or its attorney is the employer, employee, or partner of the member, or is a corporation in which the member is a shareholder or has other financial interest; and
- (d) where the member has any other personal or pecuniary interest in the proceeding.
- **4:3-4. Removal from Panel.** Any member having been deemed or having deemed himself or herself disqualified in any matter shall not sit with the Board to participate in the consideration of such matter. The nature of any such disqualification shall be disclosed at the time of recusal unless doing so would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or could adversely affect the public interest. Such member may be heard at the appropriate time as an interested party or applicant, but whenever such member appears before the Board on his or her own behalf or by legal representative, it shall be disclosed that the member's comments are made solely to exercise or protect private rights and are not expressed as a member of the Board. Every effort shall be made by such member to avoid the possible influence of fellow Board members and the appearance of impropriety from the point of view of the general public.
- Disclosure of Possible Conflicts: Waiver by Parties. Where 4:3-5. conflict is only possible and not actual by virtue of involving, either directly or indirectly, any personal or financial interest, such conflict need not necessarily result in a disqualification but should be disclosed. For purposes of illustration, prior dealings and friendships should be disclosed so that disqualification can be considered on an informed basis. Disclosure of interest is necessary in order to judge whether a particular interest is sufficient to disqualify or is remote and speculative. Concern for the impartial exercise of authority, in appearance as well as in fact, requires that where a member of the Board must disqualify himself or herself in a matter because of a conflict of interest, the disqualification is absolute and cannot be waived. However, if a conflict is only potential and is disclosed, the Board may reasonably find that a particular interest is too remote or speculative to cause a disqualification. The Board Attorney shall be consulted in each such case. Whenever the Board is called upon to waive a potential conflict, the affected Board member shall disclose the nature of the relationship and shall satisfy the Board that the relationship would not in any way influence his or her decision.
- **4:3-6. Remedy.** When a member fails to disqualify himself or herself where the circumstances require disqualification, any interested party may move the Board for an order or determination that such member is or was disqualified to act and may, even after decision, seek the vacation of the decision and a rehearing or other appropriate relief. The motion shall contain a statement of the facts upon which it is based, and the Board may thereupon hold a hearing on the matter or take whatever action it may deem appropriate.
- **4:3-7. Disclosure of Reason for Disqualification.** Wherever possible, the reason for disqualification shall be stated unless legitimate private rights would be compromised without justification in respect of the public interest.

#### Rule 4:4. Attendance.

Determination of Vacancy for Excessive Absences or for 4:4-1. **Failure to Complete Educational Requirements.** The position of any member or alternate member shall be deemed vacant whenever the member, without being excused by a majority of the authorized members of the Board, fails to attend and participate at meetings of the Board for a period of eight (8) consecutive weeks or for four (4) consecutive meetings (both regular and agenda sessions) whichever shall be of longer duration, which absences are unexcused by the Board, or the new member or new alternate member shall fail to complete the Educational Requirements detailed in Rule 5:5-1 below. provided that the Board shall notify the appointing authority in writing of such determination, and provided further that the Board may refuse to excuse only those absences which are not due to legitimate illness. In the event of such notice, the appointing authority shall forthwith fill the vacancy for the unexpired term in a manner prescribed by law. This rule shall be automatically amended by operation of law in the event that the above standards are made more strict pursuant to amendment henceforth of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-12.1 or other relevant prevailing enactment, in which event the language of this rule shall be deemed substituted by the language of such enactment.

## PART V MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

#### Rule 5:1. Fees.

- **5:1-1. Application Fees.** No application shall be considered which is not accompanied by an application fee in accordance with the schedule of administrative fees for development applications, as amended and in effect at the time application is made.
- **5:1-2. Escrow Deposits for Professional Services.** No application shall be considered with respect to which an applicant has failed to comply with the prevailing local ordinance or statutory requirements for the payment of escrow deposits toward anticipated municipal expenses for professional services, to be based upon a schedule established by resolution. The amount of the initial deposit shall be established by ordinance. The applicant and the Board shall be bound by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40-.55D-53.2 and/or prevailing ordinance requirements as to their respective interests and duties.
- **5:1-3. Special Meeting Costs.** In the event that a special meeting is scheduled and convened for the benefit of an applicant pursuant to Rule 1:3-3, any special or uncustomary disbursements, expenses, fees or costs incurred by the Board and the Municipality for the rendering of special services, arrangements or accommodations for the benefit of the applicant shall be reimbursed entirely by the applicant. The Board may require a reasonable antecedent escrow deposit to protect against an applicant's failure to comply with this section.

## Rule 5:2. Payment of Taxes.

**5:2-1. Proof of Payment; Alternative Agreement.** The applicant, at the time of filing the application for development, shall file with the Board a certification of the Tax Collector that municipal taxes and/or assessments have been paid. In the event that taxes and/or assessments on the property affected by the application for development are unpaid, the applicant shall submit, in lieu of the certificate of payment of taxes and/or assessments, a written request that the Board take action, which request shall include a stipulation that any approval shall be subject to the payment of taxes and/or assessments and the Board may suspend post-approval execution and other action until such time as taxes and assessments are paid, subject to prevailing rules of law and ordinance.

#### Rule 5:3. Amendments.

**5:3-1. Amendments to the Rules.** The Planning Board may, from time to time, by a two-thirds (2/3) margin, amend any part or parts of these rules and regulations at any regular meeting, provided notice of the consideration of any such amendment has

been given in writing to each member of the Board at least three (3) days prior to such meeting. In no case, however, shall any rule, as amended, be applicable to any action commenced prior to the adoption of such amendment, where the application thereof would result in surprise, hardship or injustice to the applicant or any interested parties.

## Rule 5:4 Educational Requirements.

- **5:4-1.Annual Education Required for All New Members.** Except for the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, during the first two (2) years of appointment to the Board, such new members and alternates of the Board shall be required to complete at least three (3) hours per year of formal New Jersey land use, zoning and planning education as provided by the Planning Board Attorney, or as provided by a recognized provider of continuing legal, planning, zoning or land use seminars or courses.
- **5:4-2. Failure to Complete Educational Requirements.** The failure of any new board member or Alternate to complete the annual Educational Requirements detailed in Rule 5:5-1 above shall constitute cause for his or her membership on the Board being deemed vacant pursuant to Rule 4:4-1.
- **5:4-3 Education for Existing Members.** For all members or alternates who have served two years on the Board, there shall be no Educational Requirement as set forth in Rule 5:5-1 above. Nonetheless, it is recommended that existing members and alternates participate and attend any seminars offered. Failure to attend shall not, however, be cause for removal under Rule 5:5-2 above.

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2026

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires that a schedule of regular meetings of the Township Planning Board be annually posted and maintained in one public place reserved for public documents, and requires that said annual notice be filed and maintained by the Clerk of the Township of North Brunswick; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to at least two newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper and the second newspaper which has the greatest likelihood of informing the citizens of the Township of North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires that any notice of any meetings of the Township Planning Board not provided for on the annual scheduled must be (1) posted in at least one public place reserved for public announcements; (2) mailed, telephones, e-mailed or hand-delivered to at least two newspapers designated by the public body; and (3) filed with the Clerk of the municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the schedule annexed hereto, setting forth the dates and times of each meeting, is hereby adopted and designated as the regular meeting scheduled of the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick on January 6, 2026.

Emma Von Thun
Planning Board Secretary

## 2026 Planning Board Schedule

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (Reorg & Regular Meeting)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Tuesday, December 8, 2026

Tuesday, January 5, 2027 (Reorg & Regular Meeting)

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

# RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMMA VON THUN AS PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY FOR 2026

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law section 40:55D-24 the Planning Board shall select a secretary; and

WHEREAS, Emma Von Thun works as an Assistant Personnel Technician and Purchasing Agent for the Township of North Brunswick and has been hired as the Planning Board Secretary; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Emma Von Thun is hereby appointed as Secretary to the North Brunswick Planning Board for calendar year 2026 and is hereby authorized and directed to perform the functions assigned to said position.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick on January 6, 2026.

Emma Von Thun
Planning Board Secretary

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

# A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LOUIS P. RAGO, ESQ. TO SERVE AS LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Planning Board has a need to acquire professional services for Legal Counsel for February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025 the Planning Board approved a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, services were procured in formal manner under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-4.1a under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director received, and the Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of one proposal for said professional services on November 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee recommends the award of contract PRO26001 to Louis P. Rago, Esq. (3 Prospect Street, Morristown, NJ 07960) to serve in the position of Planning Board Legal Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon has reviewed the proposals submitted and determined the proposal submitted by Louis P. Rago, Esq. to be responsive under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and any provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Louis P. Rago, Esq. shall be compensated for these services as outlined within their contract at a blended hourly rate of \$150.00 for partners and associates, a blended hourly rate of \$75.00 for law clerks and paralegals, and reimbursable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for general matters, exclusive of applicant billing, for services ending June 30, 2026 and the balance of funds shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY 2027; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 that the Planning Board of the North Brunswick Planning Board does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute and the Secretary of the Planning Board to witness an agreement with Louis P. Rago, Esq. in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for general matters, exclusive of applicant billing, with a term expiring January 31, 2027.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

# **CERTIFICATION**

exceed \$10,000.00 for general matters, exclu	certify that additional funds in the amount not to usive of applicant billing, for services ending June rtified upon the appropriation of funds in FY 2027.	
Cavel Gallimore Chief Financial Officer		
I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick on January 6, 2026.		
-	Emma Von Thun Planning Board Secretary	



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# EVALUATION REPORT 2026 PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DECEMBER 17, 2025

As part of its annual award of professional service agreements in accordance with "Fair and Open" procurement process established in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., North Brunswick Township's Planning Board solicited Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a Planning Board Attorney for February 2026 – January 2027.

The Township Council authorized the solicitation of proposals for said service. The process under a formal RFP allows for factors other than price to be taken into consideration when awarding a contract. This process also requires that a committee be established to evaluate proposals in accordance with "weighted" criteria established prior to solicitation of proposals.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u> 5:34-4.3, the Township established a three (3) person committee comprised of the following individuals:

Michael C. Hritz, Director of Community Development Tom Vigna, Township Planner Salvatore Profaci, Zoning Officer Each committee member assessed their own affiliations and financial interest, as well as the affiliations and financial interests of family members, to ensure that there was no conflict with potential vendors. Each member signed a statement attesting to the fact that there was no conflict of interest.

The committee reviewed and discussed the Request for Proposal and alternative evaluation criteria. The committee agreed to the criteria to be evaluated and the numerical weighting to be assigned to each. The established weighting criterion was as follows:

- 1. Understanding and Prior Experience with the township 30 points
- 2. Experience and Qualifications of Individuals 20 points
- 3. Overall company history 30 points
- 4. Agreement to the Pricing Model 20 points

There was one (1) proposal received by the submission deadline:

Louis P. Rago, Esq.

3 Prospect Street

Morristown, NJ 07960

The committee members individually reviewed the proposal.

Louis P. Rago, Esq. has extensive land use legal experience. The firm also scored a total of 280 points. The committee therefore recommends the award of contract PRO26001 to Louis P. Rago, Esq. for submitting a proposal that is most responsive to the township's needs.

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CME ASSOCIATES TO SERVE AS CONSULTING ENGINEERS

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Planning Board has a need to acquire engineering consulting services for February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025 the Planning Board approved a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, services were procured in formal manner under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-4.1a under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director received, and the Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of one proposal for said professional services on November 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee recommends the award of contract PRO26002 to the firm of CME Associates (3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859) to serve in the position Planning Board Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon has reviewed the proposals submitted and determined the proposal submitted by CME Associates to be responsive under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and any provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates shall be compensated for these services as outlined within their contract; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 that the Planning Board of the Township of North Brunswick hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute and the Board Secretary to witness an agreement with CME Associates for all work with the exception of work related to the off-tract roadway improvements at the transit village.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer, applicants' escrow account. Contract PRO26	certify that funds shall be made available from the 002
Cavel Gallimore Chief Financial Officer	
I hereby certify that the above Resolution Planning Board of the Township of North Br	is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the unswick on January 6, 2026.
	Emma Von Thun Planning Board Secretary



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# EVALUATION REPORT 2026 PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DECEMBER 17, 2025

As part of its annual award of professional service agreements in accordance with "Fair and Open" procurement process established in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., North Brunswick Township's Planning Board solicited Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting Engineer Services for February 2026 – January 2027.

The Township Council authorized the solicitation of proposals for said service. The process under a formal RFP allows for factors other than price to be taken into consideration when awarding a contract. This process also requires that a committee be established to evaluate proposals in accordance with "weighted" criteria established prior to solicitation of proposals.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u> 5:34-4.3, the Township established a three (3) person committee comprised of the following individuals:

Michael C. Hritz, Director of Community Development

Justine Progebin, Business Administrator

Tom Vigna, Township Planner

Each committee member assessed their own affiliations and financial interest, as well as the affiliations and financial interests of family members, to ensure that there was no conflict with potential vendors. Each member signed a statement attesting to the fact that there was no conflict of interest.

The committee reviewed and discussed the Request for Proposal and alternative evaluation criteria. The committee agreed to the criteria to be evaluated and the numerical weighting to be assigned to each. The established weighting criterion was as follows:

- 1. Understanding and Prior Experience with the township 30 points
- 2. Experience and Qualifications of Individuals 20 points
- 3. Overall company history 30 points
- 4. Agreement to the Pricing Model 20 points

There was one (1) proposal received by the submission deadline:

CME Associates

3141 Bordentown Avenue

Parlin, NJ 08859

The committee members individually reviewed the proposal.

CME Associates is a large and experienced firm with a broad array of professionals. The firm also scored a total of 293 points. The committee therefore recommends the award of contract PRO26002 to CME Associates for submitting a proposal that is most responsive to the township's needs.

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD

# A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC. FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Planning Board has a need to acquire traffic engineering consulting services for February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025 the Planning Board approved a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, services were procured in formal manner under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-4.1a under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director received, and the Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of three proposals for said professional services on November 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the Evaluation Committee is recommending that Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. (1000 Waterview Drive, Suite 201, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691) be retained as Planning Board Traffic Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon has reviewed the proposal submitted and determined the proposal submitted by Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. to be responsive under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and any provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. shall be compensated for these services as outlined within their contract; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 that the Planning Board of the North Brunswick Planning Board does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute and the Secretary of the Planning Board to witness an agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. for traffic engineering consulting services related to the Planning Board.

Be it further resolved notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

# **CERTIFICATION**

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer, from the applicant's escrow account. Contract	certify that additional funds shall be made available of PRO26022
Cavel Gallimore Chief Financial Officer	
I hereby certify that the above Resolution Planning Board of the Township of North Br	is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the unswick on January 6, 2026.
	Emma Von Thun Planning Board Secretary



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# EVALUATION REPORT 2026 PLANNING BOARD TRAFFIC ENGINEER - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DECEMBER 17, 2025

As part of its annual award of professional service agreements in accordance with "Fair and Open" procurement process established in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., North Brunswick Township's Planning Board solicited Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Traffic Engineering Consulting Services for February 2026 – January 2027.

The Township Council authorized the solicitation of proposals for said service. The process under a formal RFP allows for factors other than price to be taken into consideration when awarding a contract. This process also requires that a committee be established to evaluate proposals in accordance with "weighted" criteria established prior to solicitation of proposals.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u> 5:34-4.3, the Township established a three (3) person committee comprised of the following individuals:

Michael C. Hritz, Director of Community Development Justine Progebin, Business Administrator Tom Vigna, Township Planner

Each committee member assessed their own affiliations and financial interest, as well as the affiliations and financial interests of family members, to ensure that there was no conflict with potential vendors. Each member signed a statement attesting to the fact that there was no conflict of interest. The committee reviewed and discussed the Request for Proposal and alternative evaluation criteria. The committee agreed to the criteria to be evaluated and the numerical weighting to be assigned to each. The established weighting criterion was as follows:

- 1. Understanding and Prior Experience with the township 30 points
- 2. Experience and Qualifications of Individuals 20 points
- 3. Overall company history 30 points
- 4. Agreement to the Pricing Model 20 points

There were three (3) proposals received by the submission deadline:

Bright View Engineering 70 South Orange Avenue, Suite 109 Livingston, NJ 07039

CME Associates 3141 Bordentown Avenue Parlin, NJ 08859

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. 101 Crawfords Corner Road, Suite 3400 Holmdel, NJ 07733

The committee members individually reviewed the proposal. The committee then met to discuss the proposal experience, proposed methodology and other factors. The submissions were ranked as follows:

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. – 300 CME Associates – 260 Bright View Engineering – 253

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. is a large and experienced firm with a broad array of professionals. The firm also scored a total of 300 points. The committee therefore recommends the award of contract PRO26022 to Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. for submitting a proposal that is most responsive to the township's needs.