

MINUTES**PRESENT:**

R. Dodds
D. Haywood
T. Kratzer
J. Mathieu
S. McNicol
E. Niemann
L. Sensus
J. Strasser
M. Syrnick, Alt #1
D. Posey, Alt #2
T. Decker, Engineer
D. Pierce, Attorney

ABSENT:

M. Augustine

J. Mathieu stated, looking at the new year, one of the things the Board might consider is reigning in spending any way possible. The Board might want to look at how they are utilizing Banisch and Associates. It has nothing to do with competence. A lot of money has been spent on the Master Plan. Is the Planner's attendance necessary at every meeting? The Planner should be present when necessary for applications.

E. Niemann stated the Township Committee has been able to trim costs with a written report from the engineer. Banisch and Associates has been providing us with detailed memos which might suffice for the Board's purposes. If the Board knows the agenda is going to require testimony from the Planner, we would ask him to attend.

J. Mathieu stated, because of the way our procedures have changed, it is a good idea to have them on retainer.

D. Pierce stated the professional services contract leaves it to the Board's discretion as to the services you might want them to perform. He reminded the Board that when the professionals are present for an application, the escrow is billed.

J. Mathieu suggested having the Planner provide a written report on all the subdivisions and, if the Board feels it is necessary, have them appear on applications of 5 or more lots.

D. Pierce inquired if the Board would have any objection to re-arranging the agenda to have the minutes and resolutions at the end of the meeting with the reviews as the beginning. D. Pierce suggested extensions of times and completeness first and then the applications listed in the order received. The Board was in agreement.

T. Decker indicated he would then be able to leave at the end of the applications.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Diane Laudensch

Diane Laudensch, Secretary