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The regular work session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 8:03 p.m. Present were Mr. Elvidge, Mr. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Mr. Storm, Mayor Unhoch and Town Manager, Eileen Kithcart.

Mayor Unhoch the following declaration that “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this work session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 26, 2007”.

MASTER PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT – Jessica Caldwell, Planner

Mrs. Jessica Caldwell, our Town Planner, made a brief “sneak preview” presentation on the Land Use Element of the Master Plan update which included the aspect of transect zoning which was recommended in our Vision Plan.

After a lengthy discussion, the governing body approved of the Land Use Plan Element with a few minor changes which Mrs. Caldwell will address.

UPDATE WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Waterline

Mrs. Millikin updated Council on the water main project. Mrs. Millikin explained the contractor is working on Cherry Street which is requiring an additional 226 feet of piping at a cost of approximately \$55,000.00. After a lengthy discussion, Council had additional questions which Mrs. Millikin will address with our engineer.

Due to the delays in the project, the paving is now slated for the week of July 18th.

Plan Endorsement

Mrs. Millikin advised Council of the new representative for our Plan

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Endorsement and advised of their need for a two week extension, which was requested through Office of Smart Growth (OSG).

Mrs. Millikin advised that the State requested her to speak at the League of Municipalities on Plan Endorsement in November.

Redevelopment

Mrs. Millikin advised that the Town has received the Paterson Avenue plan and the Hicks Avenue plan was received today. The next redevelopment team meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 and both plans will be reviewed at that time.

American Planning Association

Mrs. Millikin advised that this group will be coming up on July 18, 2008 to view the Moose Lodge area. Mrs. Millikin is looking forward to their feedback and any possible services which could assist in this area in need of redevelopment.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Ms. Kithcart submitted a six page document to the Town Council which addressed the progress of the Goals and Objectives during Eileen Kithcart's service as Town Manager (6/2006-8/2008). The Town Council commended Ms. Kithcart for her many accomplishments with the goals and objectives.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Kithcart advised Council of a resignation submitted by Mr. Roy Southard, a Special Officer of the Newton Police. Ms. Kithcart will confirm his resignation and advise Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Elvidge and carried, the Town Council went into executive session at 9:49 p.m.

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WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton (hereinafter referred to as the "Town Council"), convened a meeting in full compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows a public body to enter executive session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters, and

WHEREAS, it has become clear to the Town Council that there is a need to enter executive session to discuss one or more of the exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

WHEREAS, this work session meeting of the Town Council will not reconvene;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it will enter executive session to discuss issues related to personnel and litigation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in executive session by the Newton Town Council shall be disclosed to the public as follows:

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Kithcart updated Council on other pending personnel issues.

LITIGATION

Mrs. Kithcart updated Council on pending litigation issues.

Upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Elvidge and carried, the Town Council left executive session at 10:10 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Unhoch addressed the request from Fran Sandomeno, Sussex County Volunteer Coordinator NJ Chapter Pajama Program and suggested that the proposed Pajama Program be forwarded to the Newton Chamber of Commerce due to the stores being a drop off point for the donated pajamas.

Ms. Kithcart will advise Ms. Sandomeno.

Ms. Kithcart advised that a plaque has been ordered to present to Mr. Larry Pryduluk for organizing the Memorial Day Parade. The plaque will be presented at a July Council meeting.

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Ms. Kithcart advised Council of a transfer of funding which needs to be completed in November due to the fire truck being purchased in May.

Mayor Unhoch declared the meeting opened to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Elvidge and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk