

**DRAFT: 1/16/14**

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN OF HIGHLANDS PLANNING BOARD  
JANUARY 16, 2014  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Town of Highlands Planning Board was held in the Town Hall, Highland Falls, New York, on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 7:00 P. M.

**THERE WERE PRESENT:**

**Board Members:**

Erik Smith, Chairman  
Terry Holt, Deputy Chairman  
Cathy Kelly

**Absent:**

John Hunter  
Chris Dyroff

M. Justin Rider, Attorney, (Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P. C.)

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

**The Regular Meeting/Annual Reorganization Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P. M. by the Chairman with the Pledge to the Flag. It was noted that three Members were present, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dyroff were absent, and there is a quorum.**

**A motion was made to approve the November 21, 2013 Minutes.**

**Motion: Mr. Holt      Seconded: Dr. Kelly      Approved**

**COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**VOUCHERS – January, 2014**

<b>Rider, Weiner &amp; Frankel, P. C.</b>	
General Planning	\$175.75
<b>Garling Associates</b>	
General Planning, November	\$210.00
General Planning, October	\$147.00
<b>J. Robert Folchetti &amp; Associates</b>	
Hudson Highlands	\$195.00
<b>Secretary, Fran DeWitt, Nov.</b>	\$ 83.16

**The Chairman will submit these vouchers to the Comptroller.**

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION FOR 2014**

**A motion was made by Mr. Smith and Seconded by Dr. Kelly to appoint Terry Holt as Deputy Chairman for the Town Planning Board for 2014.**

**Deputy Chairperson                      Terry Holt**

**A motion was made by Dr. Kelly and Seconded by Mr. Holt to make the following appointments for the Town Planning Board for 2014:**

**Meeting Time and Date                      Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P. M.  
Town Hall Courtroom**

**Official Newspapers                      News of the Highlands and Times Herald  
Record (if necessary)**

**Recording Secretary                      Frances DeWitt**

**Consultants**

**Attorney                                      Justin Rider of Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P. C.**

**Engineers                                      J. Robert Folchetti & Associates**

**Planner                                        Leslie Dotson of Garling Associates**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPDATE – HUDSON HIGHLANDS**

The Chairman stated that the Hudson Highlands' application will expire in the spring. The Applicant is awaiting further engineering information on the access change plans before returning to this Board.

**UPDATE – HOMELAND TOWERS**

Homeland Towers has an open application with this Board. The last official action by this Board was a Positive Declaration in relation to the proposed site. This Board asked them to explore alternative sites. They are doing that and working out the validity of those sites before they proceed with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Rider explained that they could make an amendment to their application with the existing site, or, if the existing site is eliminated, it would require a new application. Either way, they must go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is awaiting work on the SEQRA completion. They have not responded to this Board prior to the Positive Declaration, followed by a letter from the Chairman. The application is still pending.

**TRAINING**

The New York State Planning Federation Training is schedule for Monday, March 31, 2014 and Tuesday, April 1, 2014, in Saratoga, New York.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**The Board congratulated Dr. Kelly on her 5-year reappointment to the Board**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**At 7:20 P. M., a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion: Dr. Kelly**

**Seconded: Mr. Holt**

**Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Fran DeWitt, Recording Secretary

**The next Regular Planning Board Meeting is  
Thursday, February 20, 2014**