

## **Hawthorne Planning Board Minutes of February, 2013 Work Session**

The February 5, 2013 meeting of the Hawthorne Planning Board was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Chairman Garner. After recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, Board Secretary William A. Monaghan, III called the roll. All members and alternates were present as well as Board attorney/secretary William A. Monaghan, III, Esq. Chairman Garner announced that notice of the meeting had been published and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Mr. Monaghan reported the receipt of a notice of an application for a flood hazard area permit by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission in connection with the rehabilitation of main intercepting sewers at various locations in Passaic and Essex counties.

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PLAN REVIEW**

1. With regard to the application of **Air Aristocrat Limousine**, Daniel Cooney, president, appeared on behalf of the applicant. After being sworn, he testified that the applicant proposes to lease a portion of the subject premises as an office for a limousine business. The premises would be used solely for communication with limousine drivers and only one person would occupy the office. The application was amended to correct the size of the subject premises as approximately 250 square feet. No limousines would be parked on the premises. No exterior changes to the premises are proposed. A motion was then made by Mayor Goldberg, seconded by Mr. DeAugustines and approved by a vote of 7-0 to grant the application for certificate of compliance plan review subject to preparation of a memorializing resolution by the Board attorney.
2. With regard to the application of **Over the Edge Excavating LLC**, Dane Casamento, owner, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Monaghan recused himself with regard to this application. After being sworn, Mr. Casamento testified that the applicant proposes to lease the subject premises for the storage of tools and equipment for an excavating business. He is the only employee of the business. All vehicles and equipment would be stored inside a fenced area at the premises. A registered storage trailer would be kept at the premises. No exterior changes to the premises are proposed. A motion was then made by Vice Chairman Lucibello, seconded by Mr. Ruta and approved by a vote of 7-0 to grant the application for certificate of compliance plan review subject to preparation of a memorializing resolution by the Board attorney.

3. With regard to the application of **John P. Fischer Tile Inc.**, Gordon Jennings, owner and president appeared on behalf of the applicant. After being sworn, he testified that the applicant proposes to lease the entire building designated as 1096 Goffle Road for the operation of a wholesale and retail ceramic tile store, office and warehouse. Eight employees would be required for the operation of the business. Forty on-site parking spaces would be allocated to the applicant in accordance with a parking plan provided by the property owner. No products or equipment would be stored outside other than company vehicles. No exterior changes to the premises are proposed. A motion was then made by Mayor Goldberg, seconded by Vice Chairman Lucibello and approved by a vote of 7-0 to grant the application for certificate of compliance plan review subject to preparation of a memorializing resolution by the Board attorney.
  
4. With regard to the application of **Style Social Club**, Nahid Bustami, owner, appeared on behalf of the applicant. After being sworn, he testified that the applicant proposes to lease a portion of the subject premises as a social club. Tea, coffee and soft drinks would be sold to patrons together with Middle Eastern appetizers. Tobacco-free fruit hookah would also be offered. The applicant indicated that the club would be open to the public but based on membership in the club. The club was proposed to be open six days per week from 11 A.M. to 3 A.M. Five on-site parking spaces would be allocated to the applicant by lease. Board members raised numerous issues regarding the application including the criteria for membership, the size of the facility, the zoning status, hours of operation, flood potential, rest room requirements and possible legal issues with hookah smoking. Most significantly however, Board members advised the applicant that available on-site parking was grossly inadequate for the proposed use. While the applicant was offered the opportunity to adjourn the hearing to provide additional information for the Board's consideration, after further discussion the applicant withdrew the application.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC**

The meeting was then opened for public comment without response.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Monaghan, III  
Board Attorney/Secretary