



BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

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PLANNING / ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA – DECEMBER 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Reminder: Meetings are recorded. Kindly stand and speak with a strong, clear voice.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT - “SUNSHINE LAW”

- This meeting of the Bass River Township Planning Board is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act (“OPMA”), N.J.S.A. 10:4:4-6. The notice was published in the Atlantic City Press Newspaper and in The Beacon Newspaper on December 30, 2023. This Notice was given to the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Township website.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

| BOARD | CLASS | TERM EXPIRES | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|
| William “Rick” Adams | Class 1 - Mayor | 12/31/2024 | | |
| Vacant | Class 2 - Employee | 12/31/2024 | | |
| Jane Allen | Class 3 - Commissioner | 12/31/2024 | | |
| Cindy Ann Ruffo | Chair - Resident | 12/31/2025 | | |
| Abigail C. Spagnola | Vice Chair - Resident | 12/31/2024 | | |
| Robert Neuweiler | Class 4 - Resident | 12/31/2025 | | |
| Richard Steele | Class 4 - Resident | 12/31/2025 | | |
| Mary DeLois | Class 4 - Resident | 12/31/2024 | | |
| Winfield G. Allen, Jr. | Class 4 - Resident | 12/31/2024 | | |
| Stacy D. Turlish | Class 4 - Resident | 12/31/2024 | | |
| John Ewert | Alt 1 - Resident | 12/31/2025 | | |
| Carrie Crowley | Alt 2 - Resident | 12/31/2024 | | |

PROFESSIONALS

Planning Board Attorney

Planning Board Engineer

Planning Board Administrator/Secretary

Christopher J. Norman, Esquire - The Platt Law Group

Frank Little, P.E. - Owen, Little & Associates, Inc.

Natalie Lewis

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR REGARDING BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

It is respectfully requested that all Planning Board Members attend the scheduled meetings. It is important to have a quorum which consist of five PB members to conduct business. No hearing may proceed without a qualified quorum of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 20, 2024 minutes - Tabled.

RESOLUTIONS FOR MEMORIALIZATION

None

APPLICATION(S)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 3 MINUTES

- **Reminder:** Kindly stand up and speak with a strong, clear voice.
- **Reminder:** Planning Board meetings are regarding Municipal Land Use matters only.
 - Public Comment – open.
 - Public Comment - closed.

BUSINESS Cannabis Regulatory

BOARD DISCUSSION

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE Next scheduled meeting is: January 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

REMINDER FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

If you want to add a topic to the meeting agenda, you must send an email to the Planning Board Administrator / Recording Secretary with the details you wish to discuss. This ensures the Board are aware of the topic before the meeting takes place.

- **Who to contact:** The Planning Board Administrator / Recording Secretary is the person responsible for compiling the agenda. Natalie Lewis - nlewis@bassriver-nj.org
- **Communication method:** Submit your agenda item by email to:
 - Natalie Lewis - nlewis@bassriver-nj.org
- **Deadline for submission:** You must submit the agenda item by the first Wednesday of the month.
- **Important details:** In your email, include a clear description of the topic, any relevant background information, and who will present your topic item.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP - 40:55D-23

- Class I: The mayor or designee, with a one-year term.
- Class II: A municipal official, usually appointed by the mayor, with a one-year term.
- Class III: A member of the governing body, with a one-year term.
- Class IV: Members are citizens of the municipality who are usually appointed by the mayor or council. Four-year term.
- The Planning Board Members also elects a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the Class IV members.
- Planning Board Members and Alternates cannot participate in any hearing where they have a personal or financial interest.