

**NEW HOPE BOROUGH
182 WEST BRIDGE STREET
JANUARY 4, 2010
ORGANIZATION MEETING
MINUTES
7:00 PM**

Mayor Larry Keller assumed the position of Chair pursuant to The Borough Code.

PRESENT: Mayor Larry Keller, Sharyn Keiser, Claire Shaw, Ed Duffy, Geri Delevich, Richard Hirschfield, Rey Velasco, William Scandone, and Borough Manager John Burke.

ABSENT:

Mayor Keller administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council members Ed Duffy, Sharyn Keiser, William Scandone, and Claire Shaw.

Mayor Keller administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Tax Collector Denton Kanouff.

Mayor Keller asked for nominations for Council President.

Rey Velasco nominated **Sharyn Keiser** as Council President.

Sharyn Keiser was elected Council President by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Keller asked for nominations for Council Vice-President.

Sharyn Keiser nominated **Claire Shaw** as Vice President.

Claire Shaw was elected Council Vice President by a unanimous vote.

Sharyn Keiser asked for nominations for Council President Pro Tem.

Claire Shaw nominated **Ed Duffy**.

Ed Duffy was elected Council President Pro Tem by a unanimous vote.

Sharyn Keiser asked for a motion to approve **Resolution #2010-1R**, designating various banking institutions as depositories.

Claire Shaw moved to adopt **Resolution #2010-1R**, and **Rey Velasco** seconded.

Sharyn Keiser asked for comment by Council and the public.

The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

Sharyn Keiser asked for consideration of adopting **Resolution #2010-02R**, appointing the Borough Solicitor, Borough Engineer, Conflict Counsel, Labor Attorney, Civil Service Commission Solicitor, Auditor, Zoning Consultant/Officer, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Secretary.

Ed Duffy moved to adopt **Resolution #2010-2R**, and **Geri Delevich** seconded.

Sharyn Keiser asked for comment by Council and the public.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Sharyn Keiser asked for a motion to adopt **Resolution #2010-03R**, appointing a Chairperson of the Vacancy Board for 2010.

Claire Shaw nominated **Frank Policare**, and **Bill Scandone** seconded.

Sharyn Keiser asked for comment by Council and the public.

The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Sharyn Keiser asked for consideration appointments to advisory boards and commissions.

A. Zoning Hearing Board [5 Positions and 1 Alternate, 5-Year Terms]

Laura Hahn
Steve Stahl

B. Planning Commission [5 Positions, 4-Year Terms]

David Baer
Victoria Short
Barry Ziff

- C. Historic Architectural Review Board [Max. 9 Positions, 3-Year Terms]**
Cynthia Ford
Dee Dee Bowman
Richard Gacek
- D. UCC Board of Appeals [5 Positions, 5-Year Terms]**
Bob Larason
Paul Raywood
- E. Shade Tree Commission [3 Positions and Max. 3 Alternates, 5-Year Terms]**
W. Paul Beckwith (Alternate)
Caitlyn Shier
- F. Park & Recreation Board [7 Positions, 5-Year Terms]**
Earl Bierman
Beth Hasher
- G. Revitalization Committee [13 Positions, 3-Year Terms]**
Dee Dee Bowman
James Ludovici
Susan H. Taylor
Darla Welsh
- H. Landmark Towns Board of Directors [4 Positions & 2 Alternates, 1-Year Terms]**
Richard Gacek
Dee Dee Bowman
John Burke
Sharyn Keiser (Alternate)
Louis Licitra
Edward Duffy (Alternate)
- I. Recycling Committee [5 Positions, 1-Year Terms]**
Dee Dee Bowman
Leah Ingram
Caleb Lentchner

Richard Hirschfield moved to approve the appointments listed in agenda item 11A through 11I, including the appointment of Caitlin Shier as a member of the Shade Tree Commission and W. Paul Beckwith as an alternate to the Shade Tree Commission, as recommended by Geri Delevich, and Rey Velasco seconded.

Sharyn Keiser asked for comment by Council and the public.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Sharyn Keiser announced the following Council Committee Assignments:

Police Committee

Richard Hirschfield, Claire Shaw and Sharyn Keiser as Chair

Revitalization Committee

Ed Duffy and Sharyn Keiser

Land Use & Historic Preservation Committee

Ed Duffy and Rey Velasco.

Community Affairs Committee

Geri Delevich and Rey Velasco

Public Works Committee

Richard Hirschfield and Bill Scandone

Finance and Budget Committee

Claire Shaw as Chair, Richard Hirschfield and Sharyn Keiser

Park & Recreation Committee

Bill Scandone and Claire Shaw

Shade Tree Committee

Geri Delevich

Sharyn Keiser appointed Ed Duffy as a member of the Police Pension Board.

Sharyn Keiser asked for consideration of authorizing Burton & Browse LLP to audit the financial statements of the Borough for 2009.

Claire Shaw moved to approve the appointment, and Ed Duffy seconded.

Sharyn Keiser asked for comment by Council and the public.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Sharyn Keiser asked if any members of Council wished to make statements.

Ed Duffy thanked the voters and congratulated the newly elected office holders. **Mr. Duffy** stated that he is looking forward to moving to the new building, which will eventually be called the Town Center, and that there is a lot to look forward to this year including the Canal Walk and the parking study.

Bill Scandone thanked Richard Hirschfield for his support, as well as his wife, family and the voters. **Mr. Scandone** stated that he is looking forward to becoming a true servant of the Borough of New Hope.

Rey Velasco congratulated the newly elected office holders.

Richard Hirschfield welcomed Bill Scandone to Council.

Geri Delevich welcomed Bill Scandone and stated that she is looking forward to bringing the community together at the new Community Center.

Claire Shaw thanked her family and friends and promised that she would continue to work hard over the next four years for the best interest of the community.

Sharyn Keiser welcomed Bill Scandone and congratulated everyone on their new terms of office, and thanked John Burke and Chief Cummings for their good work and dedication. **Ms. Keiser** stated that New Hope is a very special town where there is great respect for individuals and ideas. **Ms. Keiser** also thanked the voters, her fellow Council members, Sandy Santello for their support.

Geri Delevich thanked JoAnn for her good work and dedication throughout the year.

Ed Duffy suggested that the Chief could sit with Council in the future.

Sharyn Keiser stated that she would look into this request by conferring with the Mayor, Chief and Solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT

