

**BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT  
PLANNING BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

Present: Allison Petrilla, June Ord, Mayor Peggy Malkin, Fred Septak, Tim Hartley, Robert Atwood, Margaret Katz (arrived 7:08pm), Tina Kaufman-Marut and Esther Psarakis (arrived 7:20 pm)

Absent: Michael Hamilton

Also, Present: Board Attorney Michele Donato, Board Secretary April Claudio, and Board Planner Andy Thomas

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act was provided to this meeting's date, time, place and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Borough bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Septak made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Malkin and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Petrilla, Ord, Malkin, Septak, Hartley, Atwood, and Kaufman-Marut

Mayor & Council Update: Carmela Roberts presented new storm water regulations to the Council.

Environmental Commission Update: Working on tree inventory and stream monitoring. Moved meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Looking into a plan to reduce risks of forest fires.

Ordinance 2023-07/Wineries: Mr. Thomas highlighted key points of his winery report. Mr. Hartley appreciated the well done report but had questions about tasting rooms, wine bars, and noise. The Board discussed preserved vs unpreserved farms. Mayor Malkin stated there are four farms in Roosevelt now.

Mayor Malkin offered a motion for the Board Secretary to forward Mr. Thomas's report to the Council, which was seconded by Mr. Septak.

Mr. Hartley wanted more discussion before voting. Mayor Malkin stated she likes supporting agriculture and added that the wineries are regulated by the State. There was discussion about permitted hours of operation for the wineries and it was determined that the ordinance should State that the wineries must follow State regulations. Mr. Hartley stated he is in favor of wineries but has concerns about wine bars and if there can be any limitations placed on them by the Council. Mayor Malkin stated it takes several years for grapes to grow before they can be turned into wine and the State regulations may be different by then.

Mr. Hartley made a motion to open this discussion up to the public, which was seconded by Mr. Septak and approved unanimously.

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Beverly Tepper and Mark Powers own a vineyard in Upper Freehold and are looking to open a winery in Roosevelt. They plan to take grapes from their vineyard and bring them to Roosevelt to make and sell wine but will also be growing 3 acres of grapes. They said hours of operation at local wineries vary.

The Board voted unanimously to send Mr. Thomas's report to the Council for review.

Mayor Malkin offered a motion to approve the resolution for Julia McArdle, 29 Pine Drive, which was seconded by Councilman Atwood and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Katz, Petrilla, Ord, Malkin, Septak, Hartley, Atwood, and Kaufman-Marut

INELGIBLE: Ms. Psarakis

Public Comment: None

Mr. Septak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Atwood and approved unanimously.