

RESOLUTION 2021-341

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND CREATING A PLAN ENDORSEMENT
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of Township of Barnegat desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act recognizes that coordination of State action is necessary to help municipalities develop New Jersey's economy while protecting the natural historic and recreational resources, providing adequate and diverse housing, and redeveloping our cities and older suburban areas;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans with the primary focus on where and how development can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines establish a comprehensive and coordinated planning process in order for a municipality to consider, and update as necessary, master plans, functional plans, development regulations and capital plans to be consistent with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, through plan endorsement, master plans, functional plans, development regulations and capital plans should be coordinated and supportive of each other; and

WHEREAS, The State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A 40:55D-27, the Mayor may appoint one or more persons as a citizens' advisory committee to assist or collaborate with the planning board in its duties, including adoption of, and amendment to, the master plan to guide the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects the public health and safety and promotes the general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Endorsement Guidelines and State Planning Rules require the appointment of a Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee to guide the municipality through the Plan Endorsement process; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee shall consist of between 5 and 10 members, including one representative of the governing body, a Class IV member of the planning board; one representative of a local board, commission or committee who is not a member of the planning board; and two representatives of the public that do not hold a position, employment or office with the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township of Barnegat hereby approves and adopts the following;

Township of Barnegat establishes a Plan Endorsement Citizens' Advisory Committee consisting of between 5 members as follows:

1. Al, Bille – Governing Body
2. Lou Scheidt – Planning Board Member
3. John Murrin – Zoning Board Member
4. Harvey Cherches – Public Member
5. Joseph Lopes – Public Member
6. Phillip Grasso – Public Member

The members of the Citizen's advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee shall report finding and conclusions of its actions performed pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines, and make recommendations to Planning Board on next steps, but shall have no power to vote or take other action required of the Planning Board; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee shall also report to the Governing Body on the status of plan endorsement; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee shall be entitled to call to its assistance any personnel of any municipal department or consultant thereto as it may require in order to perform its duties; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee is established for the purpose of:

Guiding the plan endorsement process for the municipality;

Increasing public awareness of, and participation in, the plan endorsement process for the community;

Serving as the liaison with the state, county, regional agencies and local officials throughout the plan endorsement process;

Assisting the municipality in meeting the deadlines of plan endorsement;

Take the lead on completing the municipal self-assessment and submitting the required planning documents to the Office of Smart Growth;

Helping to facilitate community visioning as described in the Plan Endorsement Guidelines and community visioning standards;

Reporting the findings and conclusions of the self-assessment and community visioning to the local planning board for its review; and

Negotiating a draft Action Plan with the Office of Smart Growth, in collaborating with the planning board and governing body, to consist of actions that should be taken to adopt and/or update plans, ordinances, regulations in order to meet the plan endorsement requirements’

Facilitating completion of the Action Plan items in order to achieve endorsement by the State Planning Commission and enjoy the benefits available to the municipality as a result of the endorsed plan.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of Barnegat shall transmit a copy of the resolution and the notice as required in the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 7th day of December, 2021, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk