

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON PLANNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 2013-13

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FAIR AND OPEN
PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR 2014**

WHEREAS, the Quinton Township Planning Board requires the services of a Planning Board Attorney, Planning Board Engineer and Planning Board Planner; and

WHEREAS, retaining the services of qualified professionals for such positions has long been exempt from "public bidding" by State Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) due to the important policy consideration of allowing a public body to appoint candidates they deem to be most qualified and advantageous to the needs and goals of the public body; and

WHEREAS, new State Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-7 permits the Planning Board to establish a "fair and open process" that allows for public solicitation of qualifications of persons interested in providing such services; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined that establishing such a process protects its right to appoint the most qualified candidates while making the process more open and competitive; now therefore:

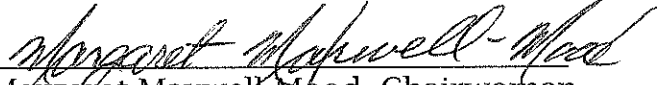
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Planning Board as follows:

1. There is hereby established a "fair and open" process for the award of the contracts for the positions of Planning Board Attorney, Planning Board Engineer and Planning Board Planner;
 - a. The Planning Board shall advertise a notice of solicitation of qualifications for such positions in a form similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Planning Board shall publish said notice at least 10 calendar days in advance of the date set forth therein as the deadline to submit proposals.
 - b. The Planning Board shall make the necessary arrangements to publicly open and announce all proposals received. The Planning Board shall review all proposals received and transmit them to the members with a report and recommendations.
 - c. Award of any contracts based on the submissions received shall be made by Resolution of the Planning Board after receipt of the materials at an open public meeting.

Upon motion made by Marjorie Sperry, seconded by Edna Schermerhorn and carried, the Board Members opened a discussion concerning publication of the Fair and Open Notice for proposals having been approved by Chairwoman, Margaret Maxwell-Mood. Discussion of this publication prompted the

Chairperson to point out that while this approval may have required the affirmative vote of the Board Members, they were nevertheless undertaken as being in the best interests of the Board in light of the cancellations of the last two meetings. Upon motion made by Marjorie Sperry, and seconded by Edna Schermerhorn and carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the approval of Chairwoman, Margaret Maxwell-Mood made since the last meeting of the Quinton Township Planning Board which has been disclosed to the Board Members at this meeting are hereby ratified and approved as actions of the Board Members.


Margaret Maxwell-Mood, Chairwoman

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Quinton Township Planning Board at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 in the Township Municipal Building.


Bonita K. Bell, Secretary