TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION 2016-12

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR 2017

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.I.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.

Cynthia Sherman, Vice-Chairwoman

Bonita K. Bell, Secretary