

Borough of Wood-Ridge Planning Board

Minutes of June 3, 2025

Wood-Ridge Municipal Building Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Vice Chairman Trotter. Vice Chairman Trotter read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was as follows:

Class IV Members:	Chairman Frank Finke – excused
	Vice Chair Kevin Trotter – present
	Robert Ruhle – present
	Anthony Iacovino - excused
	Christopher J. Inserra – excused
	Omid S. Irani, Esq. – excused
Class I Member (Mayor’s Alternate):	Borough Administrator Christopher Eilert–present
Class II Member:	Zoning Officer Richard Pronti –present
Class III Member:	Councilman Michael Donato – present
Class IV Alternate Members:	Anthony Sarlo (Alt #1)-excused
	Donald Conger (Alternate #2) present
	Christian Leone (Alternate #3) excused
Secretary:	Cathleen Calabro – present
Attorney:	Gerald Salerno, Esq. – present
Engineer/Planner	Brian Intindola, PE – excused
Planner	Paul Grygiel, AICP,PP - present

The minutes of the **May 6, 2025** meeting were approved on a motion Trotter by second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes except Pronti and Conger who abstained.

Paul Grygiel, the borough planner presented the Housing Plan Element at last month’s meeting and is asking the board to adopt the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan.

Vice Chairman Trotter declared the hearing of citizens to be open with regard to the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan. With no one wishing to be heard, Vice Chairman Trotter declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

Motion to Adopt the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan as an Amendment to The Borough of Wood-Ridge’s Master Plan by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Resolution 2025-6BR Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for Round Four was approved on a motion by Eilert second by Donato and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Under New Business the following Application was presented:

2025-68A Erica Brajac
151 11th Street 259/2.01
Rear Addition

Erica Brajac the owner of the property was sworn in. She stated they love living in Wood-Ridge and raising their growing family in town. They are proposing to add a second-floor addition in the rear of the house on the preexisting deck. The deck was construction about three years ago. The addition would be about a 200 square foot master bedroom suite. The existing 2nd floor deck would be reduced to accommodate the addition.

Tomasz Bona, the applicant's architect was sworn in. He stated that they explored many different options for the addition and settled on a suite off the master bedroom. The applicant is seeking a preexisting nonconforming C2 variance for a rear yard setback, the required setback is 30 feet and the proposed is 18 feet. The deck would be reduced on the main living level to accommodate the addition.

Vice Chairman Trotter declared the hearing of citizens to be open.
With no one wishing to be heard, Vice Chairman Trotter declared the Hearing of Citizens closed.

The preexisting deck is 12x24 leading out of the kitchen. The proposed addition will take up about half the deck.

Application 2025-68A motion by Eilert to approve application as presented second by Conger and a roll call of all members present voting yes.

Also Under New Business the following Resolution was approved:

Resolution 2025-67AR was approved on a motion by Ruhle second by Trotter and a roll call of all members eligible to vote.

With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:


Cathleen Calabro, Planning Board Secretary


Date