

**Borough of Watchung  
Planning Board Special Meeting  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
Minutes**

Salute to the flag.

Chairman Speeney called the meeting to order at 7:04. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Speeney (X) Boyd (X) Havas (X) Haveson (X) Ellis (X) Pennett (A)  
Schaefer (X) Mobus (X) Pote (A) Beck-Clemens (X)

Also present was board attorney Frank Linnus and board engineer Tom Herits.

Chairman Speeney indicated there was a quorum to conduct business. The Chair stated that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the open public meetings law and proper notification of this meeting has been made. Chairman Speeney indicated that this was a special meeting for the purposes of discussion on the reexamination of the Master Plan.

Board Attorney Frank Linnus swore in Mayor Mobus for a 4-year term that expires on December 31, 2014, and Mr. Ellis who is a Class IV member whose 4-year term expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Chairman Speeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes and waive the reading of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and February 15<sup>th</sup>. That motion was made by Mr. Haveson and seconded by Mrs. Schaefer. The Chair called for a voice vote. The motion was passed by everyone but Mayor Mobus who abstained from voting.

Chairman Speeney turned the meeting over to Tracee Schaefer who was chairing the committee for the re-exam to the Master Plan. Mrs. Schaefer called Mark Healey, planning consultant to the planning board to the microphone. Mark went over the final draft of the Master Plan with the board. Chairman Speeney went on the record

as saying that he would like to see the Ness property zoned for passive recreation. He also brought up a letter from Wayne Otto to the board that was previously discussed regarding removing some overlay zones by the triangle.

Center Designation was discussed, as well as the scope of the Village Center. A discussion was had regarding asking the Borough to review the extent of the overlay zones, specifically near the triangle. Chairman Speeney said that he would support design standards being created as per the 1994 Re-exam recommendation. Chairman Speeney said that he wants stronger statements put in regarding NO sidewalks on the south side of Mountain Avenue, and would recommend sidewalks on the north side of Mountain Blvd.

Mr. Healey explained that the next meeting would be the public hearing and the board directed the board attorney to draft a resolution in the affirmative for the Master Plan reexamination and the land use amendment to the Master Plan.

Chairman Speeney opened the public portion of the meeting and hearing no one, closed the public portion. A motion was made by Chairman Speeney to recommend to the Council that they review and revisit the Village Center Overlay zone and possibly reduce it.

The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Taylor