

Borough of Watchung
Planning Board Meeting

June 15th, 2012

Minutes

Chairman Speeney called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Salute to the flag. The Chair asked for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Speeney [X] Schaefer [X] Haveson [X] Ellis [A] Pennett [A] Boyd [X] Beck-Clemens [X]
Mobus [X] Pote [X] Desnoyers [A] Hartmann [X]

Chairman Speeney indicated that there was a quorum to conduct business and that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Law and that proper notification of this meeting has been made.

PB12-R9 New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC ("AT&T"), Sprint Spectrum LP ("Sprint") and New York SMSA Limited Partnership ("Verizon Wireless")

Block 6404 Lot 1

1691 US Highway 22W

Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with waivers and variances

Memorialization of Resolution

Mr. Linnus said that there was a typo on condition number 11. The expiration date should read the year 2014 rather than 2013.

The Chair asked Mrs. Beck-Clemens to read the resolution into the record beginning at the findings of fact.

Chairman Speeney said that hearing PB12-R9 read into the record, he accepted it as a motion to approve with Mr. Linnus' change and sought a second. Mr. Haveson

seconded the motion. The Chair opened up discussion from the board. Hearing none, the Chair asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll call vote was as follows:

Speeney [yes] Haveson [yes] Beck-Clemens [yes] Mobus [yes] Hartmann [yes]

The motion carried and the application is approved and complete.

Chairman Speeney asked if any board members to attend the June 25th meeting at the Somerset County Administration Building meeting. Mrs. Beck-Clemens said she could attend. This meeting was sponsored by the Somerset County Planning Board to discuss CED's and State Strategic PGIA plan. Mayor Mobus said that the reason this is so important is that they are coming out with their final report in November. He said that will affect us in the Blue Star Area of Route 22. The Chair said there is a new initiative where Watchung Borough has two priority areas. The Quarry and Sears area of Route 22, with a local priority of Mountain Blvd. which is the town center. The new initiative is called Access and Mobility. There is a grant of ½ million dollars to do commercial liability and other study's. The map that the county has put out contains 40 sites, which cannot all be addressed. The County, through their own criteria will look at the 40 sites and get down to the top 20. Once the top 20 are decided on, they will be looked at critically, and they will get down to the top 6 or 7 sites. Chairman Speeney said that we can probably get some valuable information on uses of the quarry site. He said that originally the Route 22 corridor was considered a local priority by the County, but the State changed it to a priority site. He said that the County is wrapping up the growth investment process. A long discussion ensued regarding the county and it's projects. The Chair said that he senses support from the County, but what the final 6 or 7 final sites will be are yet to be determined.

The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting of July 17th, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Taylor

Planning Board Clerk

