

**Borough of Watchung
Special Re-Organization Planning Board Meeting
January 20th , 2015 Minutes**

Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Salute to the flag. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

(X)Mr. Boyd (X)Mr. Desnoyers (X)Mr. Ellis (X)Mr. Haveson (X)Councilman Joren
(X)Mrs. Pennett (X)Mayor Pote (X)Mr. Speeney
(X)Mr. Hartmann (X)Ms. Spingler (X)Chairman Schaefer.

Linnus (X) Herits (X)

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

Mr. Linnus swore in the following board members: Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Pennett, Mrs. Spingler and Mrs. Joren. Chairman Schaefer asked for a motion for nomination of Chairman, Mr. Haveson nominated Ms. Schaefer, it was seconded by Mr. Speeney. Hearing no other nominations the Chair asked for a voice vote and the motion was carried. Chair asked for a motion for nomination for Vice-Chair. Mr. Desnoyers nominated Mr. Speeney seconded by Mr. Ellis. Hearing no other nominations the Chair called for a voice vote and the motion was carried. Chair asked for a motion for nomination of Secretary. Mr. Haveson nominated Mr. Desnoyers and it was seconded by Mr. Hartmann, nomination accepted. Hearing no other nominations, the Chair called for a voice vote and the motion was carried.

Mr. Desnoyers read the following resolutions into the record PB15R-01, PB15R-02, PB15R-03, and PB15R-04. The Chair accepted the readings as motions to approve, the motions were moved and seconded and all carried on voice vote.

Chairman Schaefer made the following appointments: Site Plan and Subdivision Committee: Don Speeney, Alan Haveson, Tom Hartmann, and Tracee Schaefer. Ordinance Committee: Don Speeney, Frank Linnus, Alan Haveson, Deb Joren, and Tracee Schaefer. County Planning Liaison: Al Ellis, Mayor Pote, Don Speeney, and Tracee Schaefer. Environmental Committee: Karen Pennett. Finance Committee: Maryann Amiano, Tracee Schaefer and Ellen Spingler. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Schaefer opened it up to the public, seeing none, the Chair asked for a motion to close the public portion. It was moved, seconded and carried on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Special meeting re-opened at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Hartmann had some questions regarding best practices and whether we follow those such as reading entire resolution, using acronyms on the agenda and notice. Mr. Linnus acknowledged that many boards do not read the entire resolutions as long as the board members have received a copy and

have read it prior to the meeting. After discussion it was suggested that reading the findings of fact and conditions would be a fair compromise, thus it was decided by the Chair and agreed to by the board members this would be our practice going forward.

The special meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Amiano
Planning Board Clerk