

**Borough of Watchung  
Planning Board Meeting  
January 19<sup>th</sup> , 2016 Minutes**

Vice Chairman Speeney called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

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

Linnus (X) Herits (X)

The Vice-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.

Board Member Peter Desnoyers was sworn in. Next was the reorganization of the Board for 2016. The Nominating Committee submitted Tracee Schaefer as Chairwoman, Donald Speeney and Vice-Chair and Peter Desnoyers as Secretary. I ask that we accept those and if there are any other nominations please advise. Hearing none, I close nominations and make motion to approve the nominations. The motion was moved, seconded and carried on a voice vote.

Mr. Desnoyers read the following resolutions in the record: PB16-R1 Calendar of regular meetings, PB16-R2 Adoption of By-Laws, and PB16-R3 Official newspapers, into the record. Motions to approve were moved seconded and carried on a voice vote.

Resolution PB16-R4 was read appointing of the Board Professionals into the record. Maryann Amiano as Board Clerk, Francis P. Linnus, Esq. as Board Attorney, Thomas J. Herits of Maser Consulting as Board Engineer, Maser Consulting, Gruel & Associates and Mark Healey as Board Planner. In the field of Traffic, the Board designates Maser Consulting Engineers. Vice-Chair accepted the motion to approve, it was seconded and called for a roll: Mr. Boyd (yes), Mr. Desnoyers (yes), Mr. Haveson (yes), Councilwoman Joren (yes), Mayor Pote (yes), Mr. Speeney (yes) and Ms. Spingler (yes). Mr. Linnus thanked the Board members for reappointing him.

Committee appointments were made for the following:

Site Plan and Sub-division Committee – Tracee Schaefer, Donald Speeney, Ellen Spingler, and Alan Haveson. Ordinance Committee – Tracee Schaefer, Donald Speeney, Debra Joren, Frank Linnus and Alan Haveson. County Planning Liaison – Tracee Schaefer, Donald Speeney, Al Ellis and Stephen Pote. Environmental Committee – Karen Pennett  
Finance Committee – Tracee Schaefer, Maryann Amiano, and Ellen Spingler.

Due to the major snow storm forecasted for Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Vice-Chair cancelled the special meeting and rescheduled a work session for January 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Motion was made to cancel the meeting advertised for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the motion was moved, seconded and carried on a voice vote. Mr. Boyd asked about parking at the site. There is parking at the firehouse.

Mr. Herits said he did a contour map of the quarry based on the discussion last meeting regarding the need for berms in certain areas. If you take a look at the contour map, the contour line is perpendicular to the road. Those are the areas where the ground is at the same elevation all the way back as the roadway. That's where you might want to consider putting the berms and trees where the contour requires it. This is only a guide.

Mr. Ellis arrived at 7:55p.m.

Councilwoman Joren asked how that relates to where the flags are placed. Mr. Herits said the flags are 130 feet from the edge of the roadway.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maryann Amiano*

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Planning Board Clerk