

THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
Planning Board
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2022

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Adopted 8/16/22

Chairwoman Tracee Schaefer called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Ms. Tracee Schaefer, Chairwoman	Mr. Steve Pote
Mr. Donald Speeney, Vice Chairman	Mr. Paul Fiorilla
Mr. Keith Balla, Mayor	Mr. Troy Sims
Mr. Pietro Martino, Councilman	Ms. Yvette Nora
Ms. Ellen Spingler, Secretary	Mr. Francis P. Linnus, Esq.
Mr. Al Ellis	Ms. Theresa Snyder, Board Clerk
Ms. Karen Pennett	Mr. John Jahr, Traffic Engineer

Chairwoman Schaefer read the statement indicating the meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law requirements, and the recording of the Minutes as required by law. She also stated that in order to comply with the executive orders signed by the governor, and in an effort to follow best practices recommended by the CDC, the meeting was being held virtually for all board members, board professionals, the applicant, the applicant's professionals, interested parties and members of the public. The Board members identified themselves for the record. She then led the flag salute to the American flag.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Speeney, seconded by Mr. Pote, the regular meeting minutes from March 15, 2022, were accepted and carried on voice vote with Ms. Spingler not voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution PB 22-R8

Weldon Materials, Inc. v. Planning Board of the Borough of Watchung and Bonnie Burn
Redevelopers Urban Renewal, LLC- Docket No. SOM-L-001567-21

On motion by Mr. Speeney, seconded by Ms. Spingler, the Board entered executive session based on the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ms. Spingler, Mr. Ellis, Councilman Martino, Ms. Pennett,
Mayor Balla, Mr. Speeney, Mr. Pote, Mr. Fiorilla, Mr.
Sims, Ms. Nora, and Madam Chair

Nays:

Not Eligible:

Abstain:

Absent:

The Board entered Executive Session. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board closed the closed portion of the meeting, and opened the open portion of the meeting. All Board members were present.

On motion by Mr. Speeney, seconded by Ms. Spingler, the Board approved additional litigation spending to pay Mr. Linnus not to exceed \$10,000 based on the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ms. Spingler, Mr. Ellis, Councilman Martino, Ms. Pennett,
Mayor Balla, Mr. Speeney, Mr. Pote, Mr. Fiorilla, Mr.
Sims, Ms. Nora, and Madam Chair

Nays:

Not Eligible:

Abstain:

Absent:

ADJOURN

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Snyder
Board Clerk