

**Borough of Watchung  
Planning Board  
Reorganization Meeting  
January 20,2009  
Minutes**

Acting as Chairman Pro Tem, Mr. Speeney called the meeting to order at 7:42PM and stated that notice of this meeting had been posted at Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given in the way of notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, the Reporter and the Star Ledger in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

Present at the call of the roll were: Speeney, Boyd, Havas, Haveson, Pennett, Schaefer, Beck-Clemens and Mayor Ellis. Also present was Frank Linnus, Board Attorney and Borough Engineer Tom Herits.

Mr. Speeney assumed the role of Chairman Pro Tem and turned the meeting over to Mayor Ellis for the purpose of swearing in the Board members. Mayor Ellis swore in Board members Pennett, Haveson, Boyd, Schaefer and Beck-Clemens. Mr. Speeney thanked the newly sworn in members for their renewed commitment to the Board.

Mayor Ellis asked for a nomination for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Haveson made a motion to nominate Don Speeney as Chair. Mrs Schaefer seconded that motion. Hearing no other nominations the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Speeney assumed the role of Chair.

Chairman Speeney asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair to the Board. Mr. Haveson made a motion to nominate Jim Boyd as Vice-Chair. Mr. Havas seconded the motion, and hearing no other nominations, Mr. Boyd was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Speeney asked for a nomination for Secretary to the Board. Mr. Boyd made a motion to nominate Mr. Havas as Secretary. Mr. Haveson seconded the motion, and hearing no other nominations, Mr. Havas was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair asked for a nomination to recommend Frank Linnus as Board Attorney. Mrs. Schaefer seconded that motion. Hearing no other nominations, The Chair asked for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows.

**Roll Call**

**Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Haveson [yes] Addario [yes]**

**Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Beck-Clemens [yes] Ellis [yes] Pote [yes]**

The motion carried.

The Chair asked for a nomination to recommend Tom Herits as Board Engineer. Mr. Haveson made that motion, seconded by Mrs. Pennett. Hearing no other nominations. Tom Herits of Maser Consulting, PA was approved as Board Engineer by voice vote.

The Chair asked for a nomination for Board Clerk. Mayor Ellis made a motion to recommend Carolyn Taylor as Board Clerk. Mr. Haveson seconded that motion and Mrs. Taylor was approved by voice vote.

Havas Read: PB09-R1 (Calendar of Meetings)

Chair recognized the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Haveson. The Chair asked for a voice vote and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Havas Read: PB09-R2 (By Laws)

Chair recognized the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Pennett. The Chair asked for a voice vote and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Havas Read: PB09-R3 (Official Newspapers)

Chair recognized the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Addario. The Chair asked for a voice vote and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Havas Read: PB09-R4 (Board Professionals)

Chair recognized the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer. After a brief discussion, the Chair called for a roll call vote. The roll call was as follows.

**Roll Call**

**Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Haveson [yes] Addario [yes]**

**Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Beck-Clemens [yes] Ellis [yes] Pote [yes]**

The motion carried.

Havas Read: PB09-R5 (Board Clerk)

The Chair recognized the reading of the resolution as a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Pote. Hearing no discussion, the Chair called for a roll call vote. The roll call was as follows.

**Roll Call**

**Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Haveson [yes] Addario [yes]**

**Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Beck-Clemens [yes] Ellis [yes] Pote [yes]**

The motion carried.

The Chair went over the Board committees. He offered out that if anyone was interested in working on any specific committee to let him know. Hearing no one come forward, the committees will stand as they were in 2008.

Havas Read: PB09-R6 (LDO Zoning Changes)

The Chair opened a discussion on OR:09/01 introduced by the Mayor and Council re: Land Development Ordinance with zoning changes. The Chair thought that all changes of great significance were incorporated into this ordinance. The Chair also stated that he felt this ordinance gives the Planning Board more control. After some discussion, the Chair opened up discussion to the public. Hearing none, the public portion was closed. After a brief discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

**Roll Call**

**Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Haveson [yes] Addario [yes]**

**Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Beck-Clemens [abstain] Ellis [yes] Pote [yes]**

The motion carried.

## **Vouchers**

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the vouchers for the Echoes Sentinel in the amount of \$57.33. The motion was made by Mr. Havas, seconded by Mr. Haveson. Hearing no further discussion, the Chair asked for a call of the roll. The roll call vote was as follows.

### **Roll Call**

**Speeney [yes] Boyd [yes] Havas [yes] Haveson [yes] Addario [yes]**

**Pennett [yes] Schaefer [yes] Beck-Clemens [yes] Ellis [yes] Pote [yes]**

The motion carried.

The Chair asked the Mayor about COAH and if the Planning Board would be included in future discussions. The Mayor stated that a committee consisting of himself, Administrator Laureen Fellin, Council President Jerry Mobus, Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Board of Adjustment Chairman Dan Cronheim, Planning Board Chairman Don Speeney and Borough Engineer Tom Herits would be put together to navigate anything pertaining to COAH coming into the Borough.

Havas read: PB09-R7 (Resolution to go into Executive Session-Litigation) The Chair accepted the reading as a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Havas and the meeting adjourned to go into Executive session.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9: 42, and asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mayor Ellis, seconded by Mr. Addario, and the Chair adjourned the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Taylor  
Planning Board Clerk