

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 18, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chair VanDeursen at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Chair VanDeursen read the following statement into the record: "The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law", P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Chair VanDeursen led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner, Blanchard, VanDeursen
Absent:	Valentine, Jewell, vacancy
Also Present:	Steven Gruenberg, Board Attorney William Gleba, Board Engineer Susan Gruel, Board Planner

John Valentine will not be at meeting. Justin Jewell had fire department business and will not be at meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Riparian/stormwater ordinance:

Andrew Holt, Municipal Engineer, addressed the Board. Two ordinances needed. Wastewater management plan being reviewed at DEP. Recommends be considered. Scott McDonald asked if DEP can reject ordinance. Andrew stated yes if inconsistent but his office used DEP templates.

Riparian zone protection ordinance enables the Borough to enforce as State would. Shabbecong is a Category 1 stream which requires a 300 ft buffer. Ordinance prevents certain activities and allows certain activities around stream. Sections of the ordinance were discussed. Andrew does not recommend contributions to riparian bank for non-allowable use. Susan Gruel asked how the ordinance affects redevelopment plans and center designations. Andrew stated that it would allow for redevelopment. Susan stated that there may be unintended consequences. Andrew Turner suggested a meeting with DEP to discuss how all plans fit together. Bill Gleba stated that it should be included in the master plan.

Andrew Holt will take suggestions back to the manager and governing body.

Steep Slope protection ordinance: 20% slope or greater. This will supercede current ordinance. Bill Gleba recommends integrating both. Andrew will come back to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of September 13, 2010: Type on page 2 under Washington Square. Therefore, it was moved by McDonald seconded by Post to approve the minutes as corrected.

ROLL CALL: Post, Aron, McDonald,
Turner, Blanchard, VanDeursen
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

Washington Square:

Mr. Salvaggi represented the applicant. Steve Gruenberg stated that the resolution memorializes what the Board approved. Mayor McDonald stated that he has contacted our assemblyman regarding the decision on COAH contribution. Steve Gruenberg stated that the Borough can pursue the matter but would have to submit spending plans, etc to COAH. Ray Rice noted that he would be happy to cooperate.

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Susan Gruel stated that the Appellate Court denied the 3rd round rules but the Borough is not affected due to excess . A new bill was presented to abolish COAH.

Therefore, it was moved by McDonald, seconded by Aron to approve the Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL: Post, Aron, McDonald,
Turner, Blanchard, VanDeursen
Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 2 (Post,Turner)
Motion carried.

Quick Chek: Will be presented at November 2010 meeting.

APPLICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None

UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:

Pat Post asked if the Board would be interested in a Holiday party. Will organize for December 4 for PB & ZB at Apple Mountain.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No discussion

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk