

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2012**

Chairman Eller led the members of the Board in the flag salute and read the Open Public Meetings Act into the Record.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Oath of Office was taken by Don Eller and Larry Durfee.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller – 6 Present

Absent: None

Vacancy: 3 Vacancies

Also Present: Steven Gruenberg, Board Attorney
Bill Gleba, Board Engineer
Paul Gleitz, Board Planner
Patricia Titus, Clerk

NOMINATIONS:

Nomination for Temporary Chair: Don Eller – moved by Mangiacotti, seconded by Truman. No other nominations. Move to close nominations. Vote for Don Eller as Temporary chair. All in favor (Eller abstain).

Nomination for Chair: Motion by Truman, seconded by Durfee to nominate Don Eller as Chair. Nominations closed. Vote for Don Eller as Chair. All in favor.

Nomination for Vice Chair: Motion by Post, seconded by Durfee to nominate Chris Vitalos as Vice Chair. Nominations closed. Vote for Chris Vitalos as Vice Chair. All in favor.

Nomination for Secretary: Motion by Truman, seconded by Post to nominate Frank Mangiacotti as Secretary. Nominations closed. Vote for Frank Mangiacotti as Secretary. All in favor.

Appointment of Clerk: Motion by Truman, seconded by Post to appoint Patricia Titus as Board of Adjustment Clerk. All in favor.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2012:1 – Appointment of Board Attorney: Motion by Vitalos, seconded by Truman to appoint Steven Gruenberg as the Board Attorney for 2012.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0
Motion carried

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Resolution 2012:2 – Appointment of Board Engineer: Motion by Vitalos, Seconded by Truman to appoint Finelli Consulting as Board Engineer for 2012.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0

Motion carried

Resolution 2012:3 – Appointment of Board Planner: Motion by Vitalos, seconded by Truman to appoint Heyer, Gruel & Associates as Board Planner for 2012.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0

Motion carried

Resolution 2012:4 – Open Public Meetings Act: Motion by Truman, seconded by Post to adopt the resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0

Motion carried

Meeting Schedule for 2012: Motion by Post, seconded by Durfee to approve the meeting schedule as presented with the December meeting to be the 2nd Tuesday, December 11, 2012, due to the holiday.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0

Motion carried

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – November 22, 2011

Chairman Eller entertained additions or corrections to the minutes. No comments on the minutes. It was moved by Post, seconded by Durfee, that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 22, 2011, be approved as presented.

Roll Call: Durfee, Mangiacotti, Post, Truman, Vitalos, Eller –
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0

Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions at this meeting other than for reorganization.

APPLICATIONS:

**Case #2011:7 – Washington Cemetery of Washington, Inc. - Public Hearing
Nunn Avenue, Mill Pond Road, Cemetery Road, Block 97, Lots 1,2,3,4, 17 &
Block 97.01, Lot 1**

Attorney Gruenberg stated that adequate notice and publication was given. Mr. Gasiorowski represented the applicant. The Washington Borough Fire Official advised the Board that too many people were present and that the room capacity is 75. If more than 75 people were present, the Board would have to hold the meeting in a more suitable location. Chairman Eller stated that he spoke with the Borough Manager and he suggested using the fire hall or a school. A quick count was taken and determined that the meeting had to be rescheduled to another date and location. Attorney Gruenberg stated that it would benefit the applicant to renounce due to the room change.

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The applicant agreed to extend the time to the end of March and that they would renotify for the February 28, 2012, meeting. Attorney Gasiorowski stated the applicant would like to meet with the engineer, planner and attorney before the next meeting to review and discuss technical issues. He also stated that he would not be opposed to meeting with the public to discuss any of their concerns.

Next meeting on this application will be February 28, 2012, with applicant renoticing.

REPORTS:

There were no reports at this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Alan Lowcher letters dated 12/12/11 and 12/26/11 regarding P&P: Bill Gleba stated that he is satisfied with the information based on the resolution. He believes they are trying to get an extension from the building department regarding the ramp. Attorney Gruenberg stated that this is a certificate of occupancy issue not a Board of Adjustment issue.

Letters received regarding the Washington Cemetery application: Attorney Gruenberg stated that any letters regarding the Cemetery are not evidence and should just be recognized as received.

Washington Borough Resolution #191-2011 – Absence from meeting policy: received and filed.

REMARKS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Vitalos, seconded by Truman, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Mangiacotti, Secretary