

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

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: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald,  
Turner, Stone, VanDeursen  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Steven Gruenberg, Attorney

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Dan Aron, John Valentine and Mike Stone were sworn in by Attorney Gruenberg.

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2011:**

Attorney for 2011: It was moved by Post, seconded by Turner to appoint Attorney Steven Gruenberg as Planning Board attorney.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

Engineer for 2011: It was moved by Turner, seconded by Post to appoint William Gleba as Planning Board Engineer.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

Planner for 2011: It was moved by Valentine, seconded by Post to appoint Susan Gruel as Planning Board Planner.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Pat Post, Secretary, began the nomination process for Planning Board Chair. Motion by McDonald, seconded by Turner to nominate Marianne VanDeursen as Planning Board Chair. Motion to close by Aron, seconded by McDonald.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

Chair VanDeursen conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Vice-Chair. Motion by Post, seconded by Turner to nominate Dan Aron as Planning Board Vice Chair. Motion to close by McDonald, seconded by Post.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

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Chair VanDeursen conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Secretary. Motion by Turner, seconded by McDonald to nominate Pat Post as Planning Board Secretary. Motion close by Valentine, seconded by McDonald.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

Chair VanDeursen conducted the nomination process for Planning Board Assistant Secretary. Motion by Post, seconded by McDonald to nominate Andrew Turner as Planning Board Assistant Secretary. Motion to close by McDonald, seconded by Post.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:**

Budget/Finance: Pat Post and Dan Aron

Soil: Pat Post and Andrew Turner

Technical Review: Scott McDonald, Marianne VanDeursen and Andrew Turner

**REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Post, seconded by McDonald to adopt the resolutions for reorganization: Open Public Meetings Act, Meeting and deadline schedules for 2011

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of December 13, 2010: Pat Post noted typo under "roll call" to add the word "not". Therefore, it was moved by McDonald seconded by Post to approve the minutes with corrections.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 1 (Stone)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:**

Quick Chek: Attorney Gruenberg discussed the minor corrections made to the resolution that was presented to the Board in December. Paragraph 1 "properties" added, paragraph 2 corrected the vote and typo, paragraph 6 changed 30 ft to 35 ft. Therefore, it was moved by Post, seconded by McDonald to adopt the resolution with corrections.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, Aron, McDonald, Turner,  
Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried

**APPLICATIONS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Riparian zone/steep slope ordinances – tabled to March 2011 meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Attorney Gruenberg discussed the sign for Wells Fargo (former Wachovia Bank) being backlit and feels the zoning officer should be notified. Letter to be sent to zoning officer.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None**

**UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:**

New board member, Mike Stone, was welcomed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dan Aron asked about the truss roof placquards for Washington Square. Chair VanDeursen stated that the engineer can be asked at the next meeting. The question was raised about rentals. Attorney Gruenberg stated that he received the homeowners' association documents for Washington Square and will review before next meeting.

Andrew Turner noted that he would like to attend the 2011 Complete Streets Workshop.

Attorney Gruenberg stated that a possible solar ordinance should be looked into. John Valentine stated that he could contact Sustainable Jersey to obtain a sample ordinance. To be discussed in March.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk