

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Planning Board Meeting
Minutes
March 6, 2013**

Call to Order: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notification of this meeting has been published in the Ridgewood News, our official newspaper in the Township of Washington, notice has been advertised on the official Township of Washington website, and posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

First Order of Business: Salutation to the Flag

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Dumaresq (absent), Golick, Murphy, Pinnick (absent), Sabino, Sears, Chairman Calamari (absent), Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowicz

Call to Order read aloud by Board Secretary

Approval of Planning Board Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2013: Sabino, Sears

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowicz

Motion to Open Public Portion: Murphy, Councilman D'Urso

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowicz

No Comments

Motion to Close Public Portion: Councilman D'Urso, Sabino

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowicz

Ongoing:

Resolution: Dunkin' Donuts – Block 3402, Lot 18, 19, 20: Approval to open store in the Washington Town Center. Resolution read aloud by Board Secretary.

Mayor Sobkowicz referenced Letter E on Resolution which states the Planning Board has reviewed the statements of and/or on behalf of the applicant at the work session of the Township of Washington Planning Board on February 6, 2013. The Mayor further remarked that it is helpful to have the minutes from this meeting approved.

Motion to Approve: Councilman D'Urso, Murphy

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowitz

Resolution: Original Pizza – Block 3402, Lot 20: Approval to open store in the Washington Town Center. Resolution read aloud by Board Secretary.

Councilman D'Urso: in regards to item #2, page 2 of the Original Pizza resolution, wanted to state that at this time there is no Treasurer in the town.

Mayor Sobkowitz: replied that the part-time CFO is also a Treasurer

Mr. Bob Weralik, Board Attorney: stated that there is still indeed an Office of the Treasurer for the Township.

Motion to Approve: Sears, Sabino

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowitz

Mr. Golick: asked if there was any other business the Board would like to discuss

Mayor Sobkowitz: stated that earlier she had asked the Town Engineer regarding if Caliber Builders will affect anything and he stated no. The Mayor believed the body of water has been categorized differently at this time, and that was the reason they were being sued by Northgate. The Mayor further stated that she intends to send a letter to the DEP.

Mr. Golick: asked if the Township still only had 1-1.5 lots participating in this project

Councilman D'Urso: regarding paperwork stating that Northgate sued Caliber and lost. Stated there is an issue with the corner because of the waterway. Asked if this matter doesn't fall under our realm, do we have to pass the application.

Mayor Sobkowitz: stated that the Township has to pass the part of the application that relates to our Town

Mr. Azzolina: stated that he has spoken to the Engineer and they are coming back to the Township; no time frame given. They have all the necessary approvals for the Hillsdale portion of the project. It is their intention to start there and then come to the Township for approval for the one lot that is in Washington Township

Councilman D'Urso: stated there have been heated arguments that no one is allowed to build within 300 feet of that C-1 waterway. He is not sure if it will be coming up for a vote, but we need to check on it.

Mayor Sobkowicz: concurred that the issue needs to be investigated and that she will be sending a letter to the DEP regarding this matter

Mr. Golick: asked if the Board/Town has missed something the first time around regarding the waterway

Mayor Sobkowicz: stated nothing was missed, but the ruling on the waterway has changed since the last time discussed. The Town needs to protect itself whether or not it changes something for us in the Township. Stated she is drafting a letter for the Secretary of the Board to send to the DEP.

Mr. Golick: asked if the Board Attorney needs to be involved

Mr. Wortalik: stated he would review the letter the Mayor was sending to the DEP to get up to speed on the matter

Mayor Sobkowicz: stated she will discuss the situation with Mr. Wortalik

Mr. Golick: stated that if we give them approval, then an issue arises, it will not bode well for the town

Councilman D'Urso: commented that information regarding this matter was sent to Mr. Wortalik, via the Board Secretary (Board Secretary confirmed this after the meeting)

Mayor Sobkowicz: stated that she had the Board Secretary check the files of the two places recently approved in Town to make sure there was a signed lease because of possible pending litigation

Motion to Close: Golick, Councilman D'Urso

Roll Call Taken:

Messrs. Golick, Murphy, Sabino, Sears, Councilman D'Urso, Mayor Sobkowicz

Respectfully Submitted by:

JoAnn Carroll

Secretary, Planning Board

March 11, 2013