

Mayor Short and Chairman DiSalvo opened the Special Township Committee Meeting and the Washington Township Planning Board regular meeting of October 28, 2009 to order at 7:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mayor Ken Short, Committeeman Kevin Walsh, Committeeman Howard Popper, Committeeman James Harmon, Committeeman William Roehrich

Absent: None

PLANNING BOARD:

CLASS IV: Mark Bauerlein, Charles DiSalvo, William Leavens, Kathleen McGroarty, Lou Mont, Eric Trevena

ALTERNATES:

CLASS I: Ken Short

CLASS II: Patrick Monahan

CLASS III: James Harmon

ABSENT: William Beute, Sam Akin

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Kesper, Engineer Hall, Attorney Cofoni

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer-Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 18, 2009 and October 1, 2009 posted on the Bulletin Board on the same date. Notices were mailed, as there were requests.

****NO NEW CASES OR WITNESSES SHALL BE HEARD SUBSEQUENT TO 10:30 PM****

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

1. Minutes from the October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

Mr. Mont made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Trevena. A voice was taken; Mr. Bauerlein and Mr. Roehrich abstained, all others were in favor and the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

09-16 Health Alliance for Care, Inc. (Formerly US Homes) – Block 19, Lots 5, 6 and 7 – Approval of Request for amendment to Resolutions of Approval and Preliminary and Final Site plan to demolish the existing farm house

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The resolution was reviewed.

Keith Hayes - Historic Preservation member informed the Board that Historic Preservation and Land Trust members were allowed into the farm house after providing insurance. He stated that they have memorialized the building, they have taken out everything of historical importance and some historic salvage that will be used in the Grist Mill. He stated that the fire departments were also doing their fire drills and that after the fire departments had completed their drills the Historic Preservation members would go back to get a banister before demolition. He stated that the Land Trust has also asked Heath Village for the well house building. He stated that with the retrieval of the banister and well house Heath Village will have fulfilled their promises to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Leavens made a motion to approve resolution 09-16, seconded by Mr. Monahan. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: DiSalvo, Leavens, Mont, Monahan, Harmon

Nays: None Abstentions: Absent: Beute, Akin, Bauerlein

Ineligible: Short, McGroarty, Trevena

The meeting was opened to the public for items not on the agenda. There were no questions or comments from the public and the meeting was closed to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING/APPLICATIONS -

1. Washington 46 Retail Condominium, Inc. – Block 4, Lot 7.05 – CO2 – 68 US Route 46 West – C-1 Zone – Request for a Second One Year Extension of Final Approval for Retail A / Unit 2 Granted with Resolution 06-25 (NJSA 40:55D-52 (a)& (c))

Nancy Lottenville, Applicant's Attorney
Stephen Scietta, Applicant

Ms. Lottenville explained that they were before the board for a second one year extension of time for retail A. She explained that because of the economy the applicants still does not have a tenant for the retail area.

Mr. Short made a motion to grant the request one year time extension, seconded by Mr. Leavens. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: DiSalvo, Leavens, Mont, Monahan, Harmon, Short, McGroarty, Trevena

Nays: None Abstentions: Absent: Beute, Akin, Bauerlein

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2. Draft Regional Master Plan Element (Module 5) to Washington Township Master Plan, Draft Highland Ordinances (Module 6), Fair Share Plan (comparison of certified plan affordable housing requirement to those under the Highland's build out numbers) (Module 3)

Ms. Kesper brought to the board's attention to the information distributed on the Highlands Coalition workshop entitled Highlands Conformance Public Workshop scheduled for November 7, 9:30 a.m. at the Morris County Cultural Center.

Ms. Kesper referred to the e-mail of September 23, 2009 from Eileen Swan, Executive Director of the Highlands Council, regarding the Township's obligation should they decide to petition for plan conformance for the planning area in addition to the preservation area and that it appeared that the Township would not be obligated to this decision until the end of full conformance and the township adopts the necessary ordinances. She answered the Board that even if the Township decides to opt into the plan for their planning area, the Township can opt out whenever there are changes made by the Highlands Council to ordinances or the regional master or when the RMP is re-examined (every six years).

Ms. Kesper stated that she had distributed to the board a copy of the draft municipal self assessment report prepared by the Highlands Council to assist the township in this task and the Highlands Council's Module 7 Municipal Petition for Plan Conformance requirements.

Ms. Kesper stated that Mr. Banisch would be sending out information for review at the next meeting, November 9. She stated that the Board had been sent e-mail and hard copies of the draft ordinances in August and this would be part of the review on November 9th.

The joint meeting on the Highlands Element for Municipal Master Plans and ordinances was adjourned to November 9, 2009.

***DISCUSSION /
CORRESPONDENCE***

1. Vouchers

The vouchers were reviewed. Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the vouchers reviewed by the Chairman and found in order and send them on for payments. Seconded by Mr. Mont. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Mont made a motion to adjourn the planning board meeting, seconded by Mr. Trevena. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Popper made a motion to adjourn the Township Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Walsh. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Virginia R. Kesper, Clerk