

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
June 26, 2007

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held a special meeting on June 26, 2007, at the Town Hall, Reservoir Drive, Millbrook. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Florence Prisco with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Allan Rappleyea, Michael Murphy and Robert Audia, Town Clerk Mary Alex, and from Van de Waters John Gifford and Rebecca Valk.

Also present were Jim Tyger, Frank Genova, Jerry Baker, Don Hanson, Debra Coddington, Fletcher Coddington, Bob Campbell, Ryan Campbell, Sean Campbell, Eve Propp, Maris VanAlan, Scott Tumblety, Julia Widdowson, Howard Schuman and Elizabeth Baravalle.

Supervisor Prisco explained that she would be going through the list of proposed zoning changes, and the Board will decide which of the suggestions they would like to move forward with.

Sprinklers in new construction. Jim Tyger suggested that the Board not take any action on this matter as the International Code Council will be voting on this later in the year. It should be a building code issue, not zoning. The Board concurred.

Cul de sacs. The town currently has specifications for cul de sacs. The Planning Board requires that they must be built to the approval of the engineer and the fire department. The Town will look at the current standards and safety concerns. Changes can be made to the highway specifications if necessary.

Soil mining pertaining to open space. Councilman Murphy said that based on the feedback from those entrusted to take a look at the proposal (the Planning Board, ZBA and CAC) they suggest that the town not move forward with this. The Board concurred.

Washington Hollow Area. Mr. Campbell had previously requested that there be more commercial uses allowed in the current buildings that are being used commercially. He presented a list, very similar to one the Planning Board had approved for the former bowling alley building in Mabbettsville. The Board would strongly recommend that the Master Plan committee review the matter.

Private cemeteries. The Board has reviewed this on several occasions and decided to move ahead with the restriction of private cemeteries in any zone.

Master Plan. The Planning Board has suggested that the following residents be named to the Master Plan committee: Tom Beaumont, Don Hanson, Frank Genova, Jerry Baker, Jim Shequine, Dan Weller, Tim Marshall, Karen Mosca, Maureen King and Bob Audia as the Town Board liaison. Neil Wilson will be working with them as well. Some residents stated that they thought that the committee was not broad based and all residents

would not be heard. The Board explained that they felt the committee would reach out to others in the community for different sub committees. Councilman Audia said that the committee members are clear thinking people. If people wish to participate the committee will look openly at them. He believes that in the end the town will end up with a document that everyone wants. The Town Board thinks as the community does. The Board opted to wait until the July 12 meeting to make a final decision on the committee.

Stormwater regulations. Ms.Valk said that the town does not have a choice on this. She is working on a draft resolution for the Board's review, and expects to have it completed in July.

Well testing regulations. A discussion ensued as to whether most people have the wells tested prior to purchasing a property. The Board would gather more information prior to suggesting legislation.

Historic Preservation practices. The Board believes this should be considered as part of the Master Plan.

Wetlands regulations. The Town is actively moving forward on this.

Non-conforming lots. The ZBA regularly has applications for non-conforming lots. The Town will request additional information from Brad Roeller before proceeding.

Slope regulations will be included as part of the Master Plan process. Van de Water has regulations the town can review.

State Building Code Requirements will be updated and incorporated into local law. The town is proceeding with this.

A town transfer tax to fund purchase of open space. This is new legislation in other communities and can be looked at by the town.

The Board requested that Attorney Gifford begin to prepare legislation based upon this evenings discussion.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes the meeting was closed at 9:35 PM. All ayes were recorded.

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Mary Alex, Town Clerk