

**Borough of Watchung
Planning Board Meeting
April 15th, 2014**

Minutes

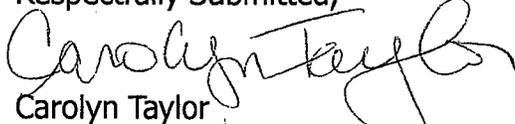
Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Salute to the flag. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:
Schaefer (X) Boyd (X) Desnoyers (X) Ellis (X) Haveson (A) Nehls (A) Pennett (X) Pote (A) Speeney (A) Hartmann(X) Linnus (X) Herits (X)

Chairman Schaefer indicated that there was a quorum to conduct business. Chairman Schaefer stated that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Law and proper notification of this meeting has been made.

Chairman Schaefer discussed the Getty Gas Station site on the circle. Chairman Schaefer indicated that there was a for sale sign on this site. Mr. Ellis called a number on the sign. The person Mr. Ellis spoke to wasn't the owner, but the person responsible for getting the tenants. He explained that this property was part of a 12 package lease. There has been a precedent in this group, where a Sunoco station in PA had been released from its lease, so that the Historical Society of that town could take over this site. Mr. Ellis said that the town is interested in this property. The person he spoke to said that he would call the owner and try and see if they were interested in releasing this site. He has not heard anything since. Mr. Ellis said that he notified the Mayor, who was agreeable for Mr. Ellis to pursue some research. Mr. Ellis said that there is a lot of cleanup that needs to be done on this site. Councilman Nehls said that we can find out the status of any contamination from the people who did the original findings. He said that there was soil contamination, groundwater contamination, there are tanks still on site. Councilman Nehls explained that whoever was to buy this property, would be responsible for any remediation on the site. He said that there is a ground water monitoring well on Borough Hall property that monitors any contamination. Mr. Ellis said that the roof of the gas station was in very bad disrepair. Mr. Ellis said that he hears back from anyone that he will report back to the board.

Chairman Schaefer opened up the meeting to the public, and hearing no one come forward, closed the public portion. Hearing no more discussion, Chairman Schaefer adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of May 20th, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Taylor
Planning Board Clerk