

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and January 30, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on those same dates. This meeting is being held at the temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent, as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented a plaque to Scout Brian Fitzpatrick in recognition of his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

RO-17-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS, be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS, be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-18-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT, be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT, be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-19-04 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS, be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS, be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-20-04 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYING OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYING OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

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Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-21-04 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3, LICENSES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3, LICENSES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm.. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3, LICENSES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 20, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-22-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING FINAL PLATS – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING FINAL PLATS, be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING FINAL PLATS, be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 20, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said ordinance in full in the observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-23-04 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCCION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, be adopted upon first reading.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk be authorized to advertise said ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-24-04 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CHAPTER 143, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CHAPTER 143, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CHAPTER 143, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 20, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk be authorized to advertise said ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND – PUBLIC HEARING
BLOCK 51 – LOT 24**

Mayor Short stated that our application to the County consists of a 93.05 acre parcel located on Califon Road, across from Califon Fields. He stated the property is very wooded; it is next to Messina's, which is a preserved farm. It is two lots away from the Centenary College Preserve; it backs up to the Linda berry Preserve and across the street is the Pelio Preserve, which is almost 300 acres, mostly in Hunterdon County and 50 acres in Washington Township. The Ciak property is also there. We have applied to the Open Space Trust Fund to purchase the property. We have already had an appraisal done on the property.

Mayor Short opened the public hearing.

Patricia Leinhos, 3 Basswood Court questioned whether soccer fields could be put on the property.

Administrator Gallets explained that the property is heavily wooded with five streams and would be used for passive use only, such as trails, nature preserve; no cutting down of the trees.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Short closed the public hearing. He stated that an application would be submitted for funding through the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – SCOTT MICHAEL O'DONNELL

Eagle Scout Scott Michael O'Donnell stated that the Recreation Committee informed him that they wanted a bulletin board built, at the back of the concession stand, near the parking lot at Rock Spring Park. Scott volunteered to build the bulletin board, which will be 3' by 4' and he will supply all the materials. He stated he volunteered to re-gravel areas around water fountains and trash cans. The Recreation Committee has a special red rock gravel, which they are supplying.

***RECORDING OF DEEDS**

The T.M. Group, Inc. to The Township of Washington	Tree Buffer Easement Shade Tree Easement Bus Pad Easement Sight Easement Drainage Easement Conservation Easement Open Space Easement Scenic Viewshed Easement Horse Trail Easement Detention Basin Easement and Grant Roadway Dedication	Block 42, Lot 12
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Noted that the deeds be accepted and that the Attorney be authorized to record subject deeds.

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Municipal Court,
Washington Township Police Department, Washington Township Department of
Public Works Quarterly Report

That the foregoing monthly departments reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office.

All items preceded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Mr. John H. Moyle, Manager of the DEP Bureau of Dam Safety & Flood Control, stating that upon determination of ownership, an engineer will be retained to inspect the Tanners Brook Pond Dam.

Letter from DCA Commissioner Susan Bass Levin, stating that Washington Township will be eligible for aid under the new Highlands Municipal Property Tax Stabilization Fund.

Letter stating that the Board of Public Utilities has issued an amendment to the Renewal Certificate of Approval to provide that the Office of Cable Television is the complaint officer for Washington Township.

Morris County Board of Taxation Explanation of Computed Tax Rates for Washington Township.

Affidavit of tax bill mailing for third and fourth quarterly installments of the tax year 2004 from Washington Township Tax Collector Patricia Noll.

Results of Sale of \$2,250,000 Bond Anticipation Notes from Chief Financial Officer Kevin Lifer.

Letter from Ms. Hannah Massaquoi of Jersey Central Power & Light, stating that a geographic information system audit of the facilities will be performed in our community between now and December 31, 2005.

Fax transmission from David File of First Energy Corporation, providing telephone and fax numbers to be used when reporting a streetlight outage to Jersey Central Power & Light.

Letter to DEP Assistant Commissioner Lisa Jackson from Mayor Short, providing a letter to be sent to Planning Board applicants who may be affected by the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act.

The Township Committee went into closed session at 8:20 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

It was noted that the Township Committee will be coming out of executive session and taking further action this evening.

RESOLUTION #R-178-04-A EXECUTIVE SESSION –
ATTORNEY/ CLIENT PRIVLEDGE - HIGHLANDS ACT
TACTICS & TECHNIQUES UTILIZED IN PROTECTING THE SAFETY
AND PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC – FIRE TRUCK

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

Mayor Short stated State Aid Capital Improvement Grants will be allocated up to \$200,000.00 per town, for capital improvement projects, excluding parks and recreation. He stated the funds may be used for improvements to existing buildings, roads, pipes, drains and other utilities infrastructure, acquisition of land and right-of-ways, excluding open space, equipment and vehicles, other than passenger vehicles and station wagons. Municipalities can apply jointly for shared projects.

Mayor Short suggested we apply for the acquisition of property located on Naughtright Road. He stated that we have obtained appraisals and Administrator Galletts will file the application for the acquisition of rear right-of-way.

Comm. Cullen asked if the Township Committee Members will be receiving Emergency Response Placards to use in emergency situations.

Mayor Short stated the placards will be received shortly.

DISPATCHING – TEWKSBURY: - Administrator Galletts stated Tewksbury township officials will submit payment to Washington Township for dispatching services next week. She added Chester has submitted their payment.

RESOLUTION #R-178-04 – AWARD REPLACEMENT BID ITEM FOR SODDING (FALCON FIELDS 2 AND 3) TO ROCHELLE CONTRACTING CO., INC.

It was noted that the total cost for all three fields, based on the change order, will be a total of \$68,827.00.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

***RESOLUTION #R-179-04 – CONSENT TO DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be tabled. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Leinhos, 3 Basswood Court questioned if there will be lights put up at Falcon Fields.

Mayor Short stated that the Township Committee has absolutely no plans to put up lights at Falcon Fields, except for parking lot lights for safety.

Reed Lubin, 3 Briarwood Road questioned the status of the L.O.I. for Falcon Fields and if there has been any movement on Phase II.

Mayor Short advised that the L.O.I. has not been received. He also stated that we are required by Soil Conservation to take the top level of topsoil, stockpile it and grade the fields, using a sub-base soil, and then put the topsoil back on the fields. This will all be completed by mid October. We can request that Rochelle Contracting put a silt fence or hay bails around the pile of dirt to prevent runoff. Mayor Short stated that the L.O.I. request has been down in Trenton since December 2003.

David O’Niel – 16 Blackberry Place stated that he thought the Township Committee was going to consider a resolution or ordinance, prohibiting lights on Falcon Field. He also questioned the status of the Highlands Act and if Washington Township has filed a Highland’s Inapplicability & Water Quality Management & Consistency Determination.

Attorney Jansen explained that an ordinance was discussed and it was voted down by a three to two vote.

Mayor Short stated that the Highlands Act was adopted on August 10th and we received a letter from Commissioner Campbell of the N.J.D.E.P., telling us that within 10 days of that date, we would be advised on what procedures to follow. He advised we are still waiting for the letter from the state, which is going to explain to the municipality how we have to act for all projects in our municipality. He stated when we receive that letter we will act appropriately.

Mayor Short stated that we did reply to Commissioner Campbell's letter and listed all the projects that had been approved by the Planning Board subsequent to March 29th and we are awaiting further instructions from the state.

Tom Scudesi, 72 Hacklebarney Road stated that he is the owner of the property adjacent to and downstream from the Hilltop Meadow subdivision. He stated that because there are safety and flooding issues mentioned in the Developer's Agreement, he would like to submit letters from his attorney for the record, pertinent to the Developer's Agreement.

Mayor Short noted that letters dated May 27, 2004 and August 16, 2004 from Mr. Scudesi's attorney were received at this evening's meeting. He noted for the record that the Township Committee Members have not reviewed this correspondence.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

**RESOLUTION #R--180-04-B – TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL PUBLIC QUESTION
(NON-BINDING)**

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DISCUSSION

BRIDGE OVER CATARACT PARK - Mayor Short stated that we had an Eagle Scout project to replace a bridge across the Cataract Park, which rotted out and fell into the stream. We had the Eagle Scout go in and pull out the old fallen bridge, take away the timbers and get rid of them. At the advice of our engineer or someone, he put in four (4) footings, about twenty-five (25) feet apart. A neighbor complained, saying that this is not the way it should have been done, that there is a process that has to be followed. We instructed the boy scout to stop his project, until we check with D.E.P. to find out the proper way to follow through with the project.

Administrator Gallets stated that Eleanor has another project for the boy scout to earn his Eagle Badge.

Mayor Short stated that Cataract Park is a beautiful scenic park and waterfall area and at some point we want to have some pedestrian access to that park.

Administrator Gallets stated that she had spoken with the Engineer, Leon Hall, who advised that the engineering, the design and permits fees, would be anywhere from \$7,000 to \$10,000 dollars, which does not include the construction.

Mayor Short stated that the Committee will consider the project during the 2005 budgetary process.

Mayor Short asked Comm. Kaiser to request something in writing from the D.E.P.. We can send photos of the old bridge and explain that we want to replace the old bridge with two telephone poles and some planks.

COAH HOUSE – STATUS – Administrator Gallets stated a resolution was passed this evening to enter into an agreement with the school to tie into the sewer. We have prices to tie into the sewer, but first we have to secure the easement. If the road department cannot do it we will use COAH funding and have someone get the things that have to be done completed in order to rent it. First we have to get the sewer hooked up.

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS – FOOTBALL FIELD – Comm. Krickus stated that it might be possible to put in extra parking in the area next to the police station, where the exercise equipment is. This will be looked into for the 2005 budget, since there are no funds available now.

The "no parking" signs were removed from the stretch of road going down past the tennis courts and basketball courts for additional roadside parking.

POST OFFICE - Mayor Short stated that he has had open conversations with the postal authorities in Newark and they are open to moving the post office. He referred the postal authorities to Mr. Sciaretta at the new shopping

center. They will consider the construction of a new post office, which will add some additional zip codes in the township, so we all can work towards having a common zip code for Long Valley. We are getting a very good reception from the postal people and the developer.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 P.M. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk