

The Work Session 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, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short, Attorney DeBona, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Senior Deputy Clerk Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 4, 2005 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

ORDINANCES

STEEP SLOPE ORDINANCE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND AND ADOPT THE NEW STEEP SLOPES, RIDGELINE, MOUNTAINSIDE, HILLSIDE AND VIEWSHED PROTECTION AREAS REGULATIONS” at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

STREAM CORRIDOR ORDINANCE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR STREAM CORRIDOR AND OPEN WATER BUFFERS” at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

FERTILIZER & PESTICIDES ORDINANCE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REGULATE THE APPLICATION OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES” at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

POLICE HVAC – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of a bond ordinance providing for the improvement of the police station at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Leah Deats, 195 E. Mill Road, stated that she bought a house with a separate apartment for rental income and has rented out the apartment for 2 years. She was told in February, 2004 that the apartment is illegal because it was not zoned for an apartment. In May, 2005 she was sent a letter by the Town Planner, David Banisch, informing her that she had the option of entering into the COAH program and turning the apartment into an accessory apartment. She stated she immediately started taking action on it. Ms. Deats stated that there is supposed to be a liaison between COAH and the Township and she and/or her attorney are being shuffled around between 11 people. She cannot get answers from anybody. Attorney DeBona advised her that she needed to file a deed restriction in order to rent the apartment as an affordable unit.

Ms. Laura Akins, 98 E. Mill Road, stated that she has concerns about the ordinances being considered at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

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

DISCUSSION

Washington Township Fire Department –

- **Turn out Gear** – Schooley's Mountain Fire Company Chief Bob Carey spoke on the need for the Chaplin to be provided with protective gear.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:12 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk