



Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program

POSAC Meeting Notes of January 20th, 2015 - DRAFT

The OSAC and PAB convened on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at the Route 12 Hunterdon County Complex, Flemington, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Steeves.

MEMBERS PRESENT: EARLE STEEVES, Chair; BILL BOWLBY, H. JORDAN GUENTHER, CAROL HOFFMANN, JOHN GRAEFE, SUZANNE WILDER, JAY KELLY, CAROL BODDER, SUZANNE LAGAY, BILL MILLETTE, SUE DZIAMARA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Excused: JOHN M. HALE, ROB TUCHER, RENEE MCNAMARA, KIM TESTA

AGENDA 1. Chairman Steeves welcomed everyone to the meeting. The nominating committee gave their recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair. Jordan Guenther made a motion to appoint Earle Steeves as Chair. Carol Hoffmann seconded. Motion passed. John Graefe made a motion to appoint Jordan Guenther as Vice Chair. Carol Hoffmann seconded. Motion passed. Staff will serve as secretary according to the draft by-laws.

AGENDA 2. Approval of the November 17th Meeting notes: Jordan Guenther made a motion to approve the meeting notes. John Graefe seconded. Motion passed.

AGENDA 3. Review/Final Recommendation Municipal Grant Program Applications –

- Flemington Borough – Flemington Civil War Memorial, Historic fence restoration – The Borough requested the use of municipal grant funds to restore the original historic fence surrounding the civil war monument on Main St. John Graefe made a motion to approve. Bill Bowlby seconded. Motion passed.
- Union Township – Milligan Farms Acquisition: debt service – John Graefe made a motion to approve. Suzanne Wilder seconded. Motion passed.

AGENDA 4. Review/Final Recommendation NonProfit Grant Program Applications – None

AGENDA 5. Review/Final Recommendation Cooperative Grant Program Applications – None

AGENDA 6. – DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead request – Staff gave an overview of the proposed Historic Preservation grant application by the Farmstead. The organization started to address some façade issues on the main barn and in doing so was made aware of structural issues that needed to be addressed immediately. The Farmstead requested an opinion as to whether an application for grant funding would be considered due to the emergency nature of the project and that funds were already expended. The Committee reviewed the supplied pictures and narrative and determined that the structural nature of the issues presented constituted an emergency and the

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committee would not disqualify an application for the project if submitted. Bill Bowlby made a motion to approve of the submission of an application by the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead for structural repairs to the barn. John Graefe seconded. Motion passed.

AGENDA 7. – NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- By-laws Update – Staff gave an update as to the status of the POSAC by-laws and the proposed timeline for adoption by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The By-laws should be in place by the next POSAC meeting.
- Parks Department update – Staff gave an update as to various issues that the Parks Department has been working through. Items included an update to the Heron Glen Handicapped Hunt, the new issue of the Harbinger, the Stone House at Mountain Farm being used for Parks programming, as well as an update regarding the Prescott Bridge and the septic install for the bathrooms at the County Fairgrounds.

AGENDA 8. – POSAC/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The proposed PennEast pipeline was discussed and the role the County is to play in the process. The County Concert Series was also discussed regarding donations and funds needed to attract larger acts in order to bolster attendance.

AGENDA 9. – FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

- Freeholder Lagay mentioned that Deb Hirt was recognized by the Freeholder Board for her service to Hunterdon County as a member of POSAC.

AGENDA 10. - ADJOURN – Having no further business, John Graefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bill Bowlby seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by: *Bill Millette*, March 16th, 2015