

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes – December 1, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Hauck, Dana Desiderio, Carol Hoffmann, Tom Kacedon, Elaine Niemann, Jim Martin, Rob Walton, Ron Sworen

ABSENT: Gregg Rackin, Page Stiger, John Miller, Matt Holt

OTHERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Bogen, Crystal Barnes, Bill Millette, Rick Steffey, Kevin Richardson, Josie Glynn

Chair Bob Hauck read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:48 A.M.

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been provided by prominently posting and maintaining so posted throughout the year in the Office of the County Clerk, Hall of Records, Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements, and by mailing on or before January 6, 2011 to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Beacon, The Express-Times, Courier News, The Times, Hunterdon Review, and Star Ledger, newspapers designated by the Hunterdon County Planning Board to receive such notices. Notice has also been posted on-line in the Hunterdon County News"

MINUTES OF THE November 3, 2011 MEETING:

Approved by a motion from Jim Martin, second by Carol Hoffmann, Motion carried
Abstained: Tom Kacedon

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

December 1: Bob Hauck, Dana Desiderio
December 15: Bob Hauck, Carol Hoffmann

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staff Activity Reports: Staff Activity Reports for November were included in packets - no questions.

Expiring Terms: Bob Hauck and Carol Hoffmann have terms that are expiring at the end of year. Carol Hoffmann has requested to be reappointed. Bob Hauck does not wish to be re-appointed and has recommended Phil Greiner, a Flemington Borough Council member, as his replacement. Sue has sent a letter to the Freeholders asking them for their support.

Dana read and presented a resolution to Bob Hauck and thanked him for his years of service to the Planning Board. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Dana Desiderio and second by Jim Martin. Motion carried.

Year in Review: An outline was included in the packet - Sue reviewed the past year with the Board. Sue thanked the board members for their support and participation over the last year.

STAFF UPDATE:

Rick Steffey: Last months' Coffee with the County on the Strategic State Plan Update was very well received. We had reasonable attendance and there was a good question and answer session. Next year we will be looking to do 3 more morning meetings on topics that are relevant to planning as to get messages out to our municipalities.

The executive committee will meet and decide on dates and topics.

FREEHOLDER UPDATE:

Mr. Walton updated the board on NJDOT's suggestion for the Route 31 and Main Street intersection in Glen Gardner. With the DOT proposal, drivers will no longer be able to travel across Route 31 from Main Street Glen Gardner to Main Street Hampton, or make a left turn from Main Street onto Route 31. Along with the short-term safety improvements promised within three months' time, transportation officials also agreed to study the impact and feasibility of installing a traffic light.

Mr. Sworen said there will be more FEMA money and more Blue Water money for buyouts. Hunterdon County has been declared as a FEMA disaster from the snowstorm in October.

Mr. Walton mentioned Stockton Borough will be meeting In January with the State regarding their water/flooding issues.

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Dates for 2012: A motion was made by Dana Desiderio and second by Jim Martin to set January 5, 2012 as the Reorganization meeting date. A motion was made by Tom Kacedon and second by Dana Desiserio to approve the 2012 Planning Board and DRC meeting dates for 2012.

Nominating Committee: Jim Martin, Ron Sworen and Bob Hauck were appointed as the nominating committee and will report back to the Board in January.

Sue mentioned that she is has been asked to be the guest speaker at the Hunterdon County Planning and Zoning Administrators meeting regarding the state strategic plan on Wednesday, December 7th. In the spirit of shared services, Sue brought up the idea of providing GIS resources to our municipalities and if this is something the Board and Freeholders would support. Freeholders Walton and Sworen thought it a good idea, provided we are able to provide the service and that an appropriate cost could be determined. Staff will review this idea further and determine if staff resources are available and if an appropriate cost can be determined.

There was no other business to be brought before the board – Dana Desiderio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carol Hoffmann second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Scheduled for January 5, 2012

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Carol Hoffmann