

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes – March 3, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Desiderio, Carol Hoffmann, Gregg Rackin, Tom Kacedon, Page Stiger, Elaine Niemann, John Miller, Jim Martin, Ron Sworen

ABSENT: Bob Hauck, Rob Walton, Matt Holt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Nodes, Planning Board Counsel

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

In Chair Bob Hauck's absence, Vice Chair Dana Desiderio read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:45 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 February 3, 2011 MEETING:

Approved by a motion from Tom Kacedon, second by Jim Martin
Motion carried; Abstained – Gregg Rackin

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

March 3: Page Stiger, Tom Kacedon
March 17: Bob Hauck, Carol Hoffmann

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staff Activity Reports: Staff Activity Reports for February were included in packets – no questions.

Staff Update: Sue updated the Board that the Cultural & Heritage Commission is going to become part of the planning department; Donna Jenssen has provided notice that she will be retiring at the end of April. Sue also notified the Board that Kyle Zenlea's position has been eliminated.

Coffee Talk: Time of Application Coffee Talk was very well received and good compliments were heard! We had an attendance of approximately 70 people.

2010 Census: In the packets, Crystal included tables of new information that has come out. Crystal will be following up as new updates come in. There are some numbers that were released that we do not agree with; a link will be sent to the municipalities which will direct them to a site where they can contest the information and ask for justification as to where the information came from.

HART Webinar-Complete Streets: Sue participated in the webinar – Sherry Davis from NJDOT spoke about the states new policies with regard to complete streets in NJ – Henry Wieczorek, of the County Engineering Department, did a presentation on some of the projects in Hunterdon County where we have implemented complete streets designs. Sue felt it was a good program.

State Planning Commission Meeting: Sue attended the State Planning Commission Meeting on February 16th, their first meeting since December of 2009. They adopted a calendar of meeting dates and have an official quorum now. Sue will continue to follow up and report back to the board.

Flemington Rail Kickoff, NJ Transit: Sue and Freeholder Holt attended the Flemington Rail Project Kickoff to look at the Flemington Rail feasibility. They are going to go over all the previous reports and look at the short and long range plans; this is a follow up to the Route 202 Corridor Study and alternatives to alleviate congestion on Rte 202.

Dates to Remember: March 9 – NJDEP WMP Information Meeting
March 30 - Planning and Design Awards Event

STAFF UPDATES:

Ken Bogen: February 16th FEMA Meeting Recap: FEMA reviewed the flood maps for the Delaware River Study for Hunterdon County. Not an overwhelming turnout, but a lot of people were not expected since there were only 19 properties added to the flood hazard zone. Members of the Board discussed the problems with the flood maps concerning design and readability. Ken has the capability to produce flood mapping through GIS.

WMP Extension Letter: We are requesting for another extension until April 7, 2012, due to several changes that have occurred within the past year. A draft letter is included in the packets listing the reasons for this extension. A motion was made by Carol Hoffmann to send the letter to NJDEP requesting an extension; second by Tom Kacedon; motion carried.

FREEHOLDER UPDATE: No updates from Freeholder Sworen.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

Sue announced that the NJPO is having their Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Training session at Voorhees on Saturday.

As President of the NJ County Planners Association, Sue is to do a summer meeting in the Hunterdon County. Sue is asking for suggestions on finding a site to bring all the other County planners into Hunterdon County. One of her ideas was a walking tour of Lambertville or the Town of Clinton. If anyone could think of something, please let her know.

Awards Review: Rick gave a presentation of the awards for the Planning and Design Awards Event

There was no other business to be brought before the board – Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom Kacedon second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Carol Hoffmann