

## HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

### Minutes – March 1, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dana Desiderio, Carol Hoffmann, Page Stiger, Elaine Niemann, Ken Novak, Jim Martin, Rob Walton, Ron Sworen

**ABSENT:** Gregg Rackin, Tom Kacedon, John Miller, Matt Holt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michelle Nodes, Assistant County Counsel

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

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Planning Board Chair, Dana Desiderio, read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 5, 2012 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 2, 2012 MEETING:**

Approved by a motion from Page Stiger, second by Carol Hoffmann, Motion carried  
Abstained: Ken Novak

### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

March 1, 2012: Page Stiger, Ken Novak  
March 15, 2012: Elaine Niemann, Carol Hoffmann

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Staff Activity Reports: Staff Activity Reports for February were included in packets. Carol Hoffmann asked what programs would be eliminated if staff is cut. Mr. Walton responded that if there were to be cuts, Sue would have to make the determination how her people are managed and she would report back to the Freeholder Board as to what programs she recommends staff work on. Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is the day a decision must be made by end of business.

Sue welcomed new member, Ken Novak, from Delaware Township. He will be an alternate and Elaine Niemann will become a regular member.

Draft Strategic State Plan: Sue emailed the public hearing schedules. Freeholder Holt attended the public hearing and said the Tea Party people were disruptive to the point of losing sight of the meeting.

Sue represented County Planning and spoke at the NJPO Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Mandatory Training Seminar at Voorhees High School on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sue provided copies of a power point presentation about the NJTPA's HUD Sustainability Grant for those interested. NJTPA is still in the initial stages of meeting with the steering committee and working groups.

Sue also handed out information she provided to the freeholders upon their request to identify programming and staff resource allocations. The table also shows how many people are assigned to each of the programs that the Planning Department administers; information was also provided as to the grant monies we receive that offsets staff salaries.

Development Review Application Fees: This item will be tabled until next month.

**FREEHOLDER UPDATE:** Mr. Walton spoke about the petition circulating attempting to keep the planning department. As each person clicks on it, an automatic email is sent to each Freeholder. As of this morning, there were 583 signatures. Mr. Walton asked that we all hang in for a few more weeks. Budget meetings are being held to discuss possible different options. This topic was followed by a lively discussion regarding Hunterdon County tax rates and Open Space funds.

**OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS:** Sue would like to schedule a meeting with the Master Plan Subcommittee. All agreed on March 15<sup>th</sup> after the DRC Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Scheduled for April 5, 2012, 8:30 AM

There was no other business to be brought before the Board - Carol Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Page Stiger second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Page Stiger