

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes - September 6, 2012

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

ABSENT: Gregg Rackin, John Miller, Matt Holt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Nodes, Assistant County Counsel
Robert Foley, Dewberry Engineering

STAFF PRESENT: Sue Dziamara, Ken Bogen, Bill Millette, Josie Glynn

Planning Board Chair, Dana Desiderio, read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:33 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 JULY 5, 2012 MEETING:

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

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

September 6, 2012: Carol Hoffmann, Page Stiger
September 20, 2012: Dana Desiderio, Carol Hoffmann

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staff Activity Reports: Staff Activity Reports for July/August were handed out. No questions.

NJTPA Rail Freight Capacity Study Listening Session: A meeting to discuss the Rail Freight Capacity and Needs Assessment to Year 2040 Study will be held on September 27th at 3PM at the Route 12 County Complex. This study is looking at the future operations and capacity needs of various freight lines in the Northern New Jersey Region. Consultants will do a presentation of information they have gathered and will ask participants to comment on any rail/freight issues they are aware of. Freeholder Holt sent out an invitation to all Municipal officials. Sue is hoping to get Planning Board representation.

HUD-SDRP NJ Transit Pilot Kick-Off: Pilot kickoff meeting will be held on October 1st from 10:30AM - 1:30 PM. A location has not been selected as of yet, but will be somewhere in Somerset county. We will keep the Board posted - again Sue is looking for Planning Board representation.

Final Draft State Strategic Plan Public Comment: The comment period is now open; public hearings are being held on September 10th and 13th (notice is included the packet). Sue will be attending a County Planners meeting and Gerry Scharfenberger Executive Director of OPA will share some of the information with them after the conclusion of the public hearings.

Vision 2020: The Freeholders have asked each division within each department to put together a scoping document looking to the next five years, how the division supports the residents and what resources would be needed to meet these future needs. Staff is currently putting together draft information and once we have completed Sue will reach out to the Planning Board members to review and provide their input and comments.

2012 Annual Report: Open Space, Farmland, Parks & Recreation: The Annual report we prepare every year for the Freeholders, which outlines the current and future distributions and funding of the Open Space Trust Fund, will be posted on the County website.

Expiring Terms: Dana, Desiderio, Gregg Rackin, Tom Kacedon and Elaine Niemann all have terms which expire in December. All have responded and have expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

Rail Coalition: Sue will be attended a Rail Coalition meeting with NJ Transit Senior management on Monday to discuss the deployment of dual-mode trains for the Raritan Valley Line.

County Shared Services Plan: Bill Millette gave a sneak peak demonstration on what staff has prepared for the new Hunterdon County Shared Services website. Our next Coffee with The County Talk on October 4 will be to introduce the Hunterdon County Shared Services Initiatives. We hope to go live with the website before the meeting so the municipalities would be able to have a sneak preview and come with any questions, feedback and/or suggestions. We will be sending out the "Save the Date" Press Releases / invitations for the breakfast talk and will ask them to check it out and give us your feedback. While this is starting in the Planning Division, it does not mean it will remain here. The idea is to establish a County shared services liaison/contact that will help assist people interested in starting a shared services program.

FREEHOLDER UPDATE: Freeholder Walton said the main reason Shared Services was started in the Planning Division was because he felt the Planning staff believed in the idea of shared services and would work to ensure its success.

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS: There was no other business to be brought before the Board – Elaine Niemann made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Martin second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 4, 2012, 7:30 AM - Breakfast Talk

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Page Stiger