

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes - December 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Desiderio, Carol Hoffmann, Page Stiger, Tom Kacedon, Elaine Niemann, Ken Novak, Phil Greiner, Jim Martin

ABSENT: Rob Walton, Matt Holt, John King

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Nodes, Assistant County Counsel

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

Chair Dana Desiderio read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:35 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 December 31, 2012 to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Beacon, The Express-Times, Courier News, The Times, 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 7, 2013 MEETING:

Approved by Ken Novak, seconded by Phil Greiner; Motion Carried
Tom Kacedon, Abstained

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

December 5, 2013: Carol Hoffmann, Dana Desiderio
December 19, 2013: Ken Novak, Elaine Niemann

PLANNING BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2014 Meeting Dates: A motion was made to schedule the Re-org meeting for 2014 in January 2nd. Motion made by Ken Novak, seconded by Page Stiger. (Pending the date of the BOCF reorg meeting)

UPDATE: Re-org meeting for BOCF is on January 2nd, therefore the Planning Board's reorg meeting must be held after that. Meeting will be held on January 9th.

There is a vacancy on the Planning Board; Gregg Rackin (Alternate) has resigned. An application has been submitted to the Freeholder Board from Andy Borkin to fill Gregg's position which expires in 2015.

CEDS Update:

The link for the CEDS website has been made active; please look over and comment. Sue would like the board to come up with a mission statement. The website is a way for the public to become involved in this project - please look it over and give us any suggestions. NJTPA will do a press advisory to let people know it is active.

We have started our interview list and asking people to participate. We are in the process of getting responses back. Next we will be sending out invitations to the focus groups and scheduling with them. There will be 8 focus group meetings, of about 10-12 people. We will have one meeting with the municipal official focus group to bring the elected officials in on the process. We will keep everyone informed.

Sue would like the executive committee to decide on what projects they would like to work on next year. One project is to review the Master Plan one section at a time and improve the plan. The exec committee started to do this last year with the action items; the results should be brought back to the full Board to evaluate potential changes.

A suggestion was made to have County Planning Board members attend the Township Planning Boards and ask

them what their issues are and how we may assist their efforts. This would also be an opportunity for the Planning Board members to go to the townships and tell them what the County is involved in. Sue will contact the municipalities and ask to be put on their agenda and will assign townships to the members. We will also provide a "script" for the members to take to the Township Planning Board meetings. It was agreed that this should be completed by April.

Complete Streets: Carried to 2014

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staff Activity Reports: Staff Activity Report for November was included in packet - no questions.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Ken Novak brought up the question about what the state is doing financially for farmland preservation. Bill said there is no new money allocated this year, they are just using the money that is already allocated to the different programs. Municipalities have their Municipal PIG grants, some municipalities have less than others but there is still money out there for the municipalities to utilize. The county has no more of the base grant left. There is a competitive grant that is available, which has about \$15M available for all the state to utilize. All projections are that by the end of 2014 all of the funds will be exhausted.

Rick updated the Board on the awards event. Sue handed out a summary of the different awards and categories. We are combining this event with the Cultural & Heritage Commission and the 300th Committee. The venue is Raspberry's and will be held on September 30, 2014. The handout contains a timeline of event activities. In January application forms will be mailed out.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board - Ken Novak made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Page Stiger second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 9th, 8:30 AM

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Page Stiger