

**HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
**Minutes - September 5, 2013**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tara Shepherd, HART  
Liz Usmiani, HART

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

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Chair Dana Desiderio read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:30 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"*

Dana welcomed new member, Phil Greiner, from Flemington Borough.

**MINUTES OF THE June 6, 2013 MEETING:**

Approved by Page Stiger, seconded by Carol Hoffmann; Motion Carried

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

September 5, 2013: Carol Hoffmann, Page Stiger

September 19, 2013: Ken Novak, Carol Hoffmann

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** In Sue Dziamara's absence Ken Bogen gave the Director's report.

**Staff Activity Reports:** Staff Activity Report for June, July and August were included in packet. No questions.

**Complete Streets:** A resolution was included in the packet supporting Hunterdon County Complete Street Policy. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table further discussion on the resolution until the next PB meeting. Freeholder Walton asked that staff review our current road policy to determine consistency with the resolution to determine if a complete streets policy is already integrated into our policy.

FH Walton would rather pass a resolution that states we have reviewed our policy and declare that our policy *is* Complete Streets.

**OSAC / Parks Advisory Board Joint Meeting:**

The joint meeting of the Open Space and Parks Advisory Board took place on July 15<sup>th</sup>. 4 Municipal Grant applications were approved for approximately \$104,000. 5 Historic Preservation applications were approved for \$198,000 and 2 non profit applications for \$336,000. All of the applications were approved by the Freeholder Board on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The next joint meeting will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be 5 non profit grant applications totaling \$640,000 and 7 cooperative grant applications totaling approximately \$2,000,000.

**Annual Report 2013:** Bill summarized the Farmland/Open space/Historic Preservation annual report. We are in the process of scanning the documents that are not electronic and the report will be posted on the website for the public.

NJTPA Update: Together 202 Project is a joint county project with Somerset and Hunterdon funded by Together North Jersey, a regional consortium which has been granted \$5 million dollars from HUD. Ken summarized the July 31<sup>st</sup> tour that took place which was attended by various agency representatives and municipal officials who convened for this 'Walk, Talk and Act' Tour. The purpose of the tour was to summarize the project team findings, identify shared problems and values, and to push for continued momentum beyond the project timeframe by establishing connections between officials.

Hunterdon County CEDS, Press Event: Ken discussed the press event that will be launched by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to announce the County's Economic Development Strategy. The event will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the County Historic Courthouse. Ken summarized some of the major goals and objectives of this groundbreaking effort. Ken requested all members of the Planning Board to serve on the Steering Committee and two members to serve on the Executive Committee.

### **FREEHOLDER COMMENTS**

FH Walton told the board he has directed Sue to look at the development of a bike path from Flemington to Raritan Township that would connect to Raritan Township's proposed River Walk. Ken mentioned that staff has already started looking into the options.

Freeholder Walton said the Freeholders have announced that they will not be hiring a forensic auditing firm to audit the Finance Department. Information will be made public shortly.

Elaine asked about the status of Kevin Richardson's vacant open space position. Freeholder Walton responded that the Freeholders have approved to have that position advertised, interviewed for and to hire someone.

### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

There was no further business to be brought before the Board - Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Carol Hoffmann second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 3, 2013.

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Page Stiger