

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes – December 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Page Stiger, Carol Hoffmann, Andy Borkin, Dana Desiderio, Ken Novak, Phil Greiner, Jim Martin

ABSENT: Richard Dodds, Richard Dalrymple, John Lanza

STAFF PRESENT: Sue Dziamara, Carrie Fellows, Ken Bogen, Adam Bradford, Josie Glynn, Aaron Culton, County Counsel

Chair Page Stiger read the Open Public Meetings Act notice and called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 9, 2017 to The Hunterdon Democrat, The Express Times, Courier News, The Trenton Times, Star Ledger, and TAPinto, 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 2, 2017 MEETING:

Motion to approve Andy Borkin, Ken Novak, second-motion carried.

FREEHOLDER REPORT: No report

STAFF UPDATES:

Planning Issues: Adam distributed a handout created by the NJTPA for the 'Assessment of System Connectivity in Northern New Jersey' study. He is part of the advisory committee which explores how effectively the region's transportation facilities function together to serve the movement of people and goods.

Farmland Update: Adam said that he and Melanie visited five farmland sites yesterday that we have received 2017 harvest round preservation applications for (3 Municipal PIGS and 2 County PIGS) as well as one Right-To-Farm issue site in Delaware Township. The CADB will be reviewing the harvest round farms next Thursday for Preliminary Approval. If all the farms are granted approval there will be a total of 308 acres for this round.

Cultural & Heritage: Carrie said that application reviews were held for the LAP and History Grants. The commission has made funding recommendations that she will be forwarding to the BOCF for their December 19th meeting, Carrie held a 2 day conference for the 'Art of The Dress Clothing in the American Revolution Part 2' conference with the Crossroads which was held at the Prallsville Mills and was very well attended. Crossroads has indicated an interest in continuing this series for the 250th Anniversary, which is in 2025.

The state is having issues with the history grant contracts through their Sage system. Contracts still are not accessible to the grantees. Everything that is approved is contingent upon funding becoming available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Outreach: Page said that the PB sponsored breakfast talk which was held on November 28th was very well received and we had approximately 50 people that attended. Ken thanked the PB members who attended the meeting.

Page mentioned that in the news yesterday it was reported that Georgian Court has signed on to open a school in Flemington. This will be the first 4 year school in Hunterdon County. Phil added that this is the first entity to commit to the Courthouse Square project.

Page summarized some of the Economic Development issues that Marc Saluk is currently working on as was discussed at an informal working group meeting that Page attended yesterday. Marc is working on a "Property Locator" which will be an inventory of developable properties in Hunterdon County and will be part of the new Economic Development website. Currently there are 10 municipalities that are providing that information to Marc and it should be going live on the ED website in February.

Hunterdon Central has agreed to host the 2018 Hunterdon Hackathon at their facility on June 9th and 10th.

Marc has picked up the Emojis developed by Clinton middle school students and these have been turned over to the High School for future development by the students.

DRC Committee: Ken referred the members to their DRC applications spreadsheet for a summary of the applications that were reviewed at the November 2nd meeting. The last two meetings were cancelled.

DRC Meetings: December 7: Cancelled
December 21: Andy, TBD

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Staff Activity Report: The November report was included in the packet. No questions.

Page announced that he will be stepping down as his role as Planning Board chair and has agreed to be on the nominating committee along with Freeholder Lanza and will present the slate of officers at our 2018 Reorg meeting.

Transportation update: Sue updated the Board that she attended a DOT meeting in Delaware Township concerning repaving and drainage work that DOT will be working on for the Route 29 corridor from West Amwell to Frenchtown. The 'S' curve section of Route 29 at the bridge in Stockton will not be part of this project but DOT will take a look at this section to determine how this section of the road could be made safer but they have not committed to any future improvements.

Bill continues to work on the Open Space Strategic Plan and we are very close to a final draft. Bill will be meeting with municipalities, non-profits, and Open Space Committees to get input from these entities on how the plan integrates with what they are doing locally.

Sue thanked the Board for the many years that they worked together.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

Ken mentioned that the draft 2018 PB and DRC meeting dates were included in the packet. The Board will vote on the dates at the January Re-org meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Ken Novak made a motion to set the 1st meeting date in January 2018, Thursday, January 4th, 8:15 AM, Andy Borkin seconded. Motion approved.

Page read a resolution recognizing Sue for her service at the County and congratulated her on her retirement.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board. Ken Novak made a motion to adjourn; Andy Borkin seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Andy Borkin