

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Draft Minutes – March 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Hoffmann, Andy Borkin, Page Stiger, Dana Desiderio, Phil Greiner, Richard Dodds, Richard Dalrymple, Tom Matthews

ABSENT: Ken Novak, Matt Holt, Suzanne Lagay

STAFF PRESENT: Carrie Fellows, Ken Bogen, Adam Bradford, Bill Millette,
Melanie Mason, 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 12, 2018 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"

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Page announced that Carol Hoffmann has been re-appointed to the Board. He presented to the Board the slate of the 2018 officers: Carol Hoffmann, Chair, Andy Borkin, Vice Chair, and Ken Novak, Secretary. Moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by Richard Dalrymple. The motion was approved.

Page turned the meeting over to Carol Hoffmann. Carol thanked Page for his service and congratulated the new officers.

MINUTES OF THE February 1, 2018 MEETING:

Motion to approve Andy Borkin, Page Stiger, second-motion carried.

FREEHOLDER REPORT: No Freeholders members present.

STAFF UPDATES:

Farmland Update: Melanie said that the Foster Farm in Bethlehem Township recently closed. We are on schedule to have several more closings this year. Staff has worked on revisions/updates to the ADA over the past year and is now ready to bring forward recommendations to the CADB. All impacted municipalities were sent letters and maps showing changes within their jurisdictions and staff already received minor comments back from a few. We plan to move forward with the hearing which is scheduled for the next CADB meeting.

Planning Issues: Adam said he is currently working on 2 Right-to-Farm issues. The parties have not come to terms yet which means that the SADC will be getting involved.

The Rutgers University Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), the NJDOT and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) finished their policies/standards recommendations, and data/research analysis regarding the Access Mitigation Planning Study. During the TAC #3 meeting, committee members reviewed and provided comments to the Access Management survey originally drafted by Rutgers CAIT staff. The survey will be released to various transportation planning and engineering stakeholders throughout NJ in April.

Open Space: Bill said that we have received preliminary approval from the Freeholder Board for the final draft Open Space Strategic Plan. A meeting is scheduled next week to meet with our Non-profit partners to obtain their feedback before we move forward with the public rollout. The goal right now is to introduce the Plan to the general public and start the public conversation in regards to the Plan.

The Pelio project (Pt. Mountain Teetertown Link) involves a 245 acre parcel in Lebanon Township. It is a project that is spearheaded by the NJ Conservation Foundation, with the Township, Land Trust and County involved as well. The property should be closing sometime in May. The County will get 100% ownership of the property.

A \$450,000 grant from the Highlands for acquisition of 115 acres adjacent to Point Mountain has just been received. We will be moving forward on that grant also.

Cultural & Heritage: Carrie said that the Commission met last night. There are two new members to the Commission that are scheduled to be appointed by the BOCF at their next meeting. The next local arts program grant through NJSCA is going to be available tomorrow and will be due for submission by April 6th.

Applications have come in for the County Special Projects grant which are funded through the Freeholder's budget. There are 2 grant requests for history projects and 4 for Art projects, one of which is a \$500 mini grant. These applications will be reviewed in April.

A program was held on February 12th. "Welcoming all our Publics" – which was fully subscribed within a week. This workshop creating historic sites and other venues accessible to all people and open to all audiences.

Another workshop is scheduled with Pat Bose – "Board Members are People Too" – on March 15th at the Historic Courthouse for Non-Profit Board members.

The essays for the Junior Historian Essay Contest are due April 6th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ken passed out informational flyers on the HackHunterdon Event. The event this year will be held at Hunterdon and is expected to have more publicity and more people participating this year compared to the inaugural event last year which was quite successful.

Page mentioned that Marc is working on a project concerning the Foster Wheeler site.

DRC Committee: Ken summarized the applications which are on today's DRC agenda.

DRC Meetings: March 1: Carol, Andy
March 15: Phil, Dana

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

Ken announced that Josie Glynn will be retiring, probably before the end of the month.

Transportation Update

Ken discussed the teleconference he participated on recently with the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition. The focus of the meeting centered on the need for an expanded one-seat ride to New York along the Raritan Valley Line corridor. Currently there are not any one seat rides scheduled during peak morning and evening hours. If the Gateway project is not funded, this could prevent the expansion of the one-seat ride schedule due to limited capacity in the tunnels.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS: Richard Dodds provided an update concerning the status of the Penn East Pipeline. Richard said that landowners in Hunterdon County have been served with papers from the Penn East Pipeline. FERC has granted a 'conditional certificate of public convenience' which gives them the authority to condemn property. It has been a chaotic process. NJDEP has told PennEast that they need to reapply for permits again since their original application was deemed incomplete. In the past PennEast has gone to the courts and claimed hardship in order to perform tree clearing along their pipeline route – even if the pipeline is never completed. NJDEP has filed with FERC requesting them to not approve any activity on properties until all the permits are in place.

There was no further business to be brought before the Board. Page Stiger made a motion to adjourn, Richard Dalrymple seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 5, 2018, 8:15AM

Josie Glynn for Secretary, Ken Novak