

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
June 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 8:06 p.m. Members present:

Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Ricci Desiderio
Kenneth Wightman

Also in attendance:

William Roerich, Washington Township Liaison
Bryan Lofberg, SADC

Staff in attendance:

W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle
Jennifer McCulloch

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 11, 2010 and May 10, 2010 meetings were not available.

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the board closed the open portion of the meeting and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:08 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

DeNeufville Farm, Mendham Twp. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board directed staff to inform the landowner of the board's decision regarding the easement purchase application scenarios discussed.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, R. Desiderio, K. Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

Maillet Farm, Chester Twp. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board directed staff to contact the landowner in writing requesting an explanation regarding a possible Deed of Easement violation. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, R. Desiderio, K. Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

Jayne Farm, Washington Twp. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board directed staff to contact the landowner in writing requesting an explanation regarding a possible Deed of Easement violation. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, R. Desiderio, K. Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

Totten Farm, Washington Twp. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the board directed staff to contact the landowner in writing requesting an explanation regarding a possible Deed of Easement violation. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, R. Desiderio, K. Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

USDA Renewable Energy Program. Ms. Coyle stated that funding is available from the Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for renewable energy projects. The application deadline is June 30, 2010.

2010 Monitoring Program. Ms. Coyle informed the board that she is in the process of monitoring farms (94 farms) in the Western and North-Eastern Regions of the County. The SADC's monitoring deadline is June 30, 2010.

RIGHT TO FARM

There was no RTF business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2010-16: Washington Twp. MUA – Condemnation in the ADA (Smith & Searles farms). On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the board adopted Resolution 2010-16. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, R. Desiderio, K. Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director