

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
April 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:38 p.m. Members present:

Dale Davis
Ricci Desiderio (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Harvey Ort
Kenneth Wightman

Also in attendance:

William Roehrich, Washington Township Liaison
Robert Smith

Staff in attendance:

W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Ray Chang
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

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the board approved the minutes of the December 9, 2010 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

The minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting were tabled.

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act and per the board's normal resolution language and voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:54 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

At this point, Mr. Smith entered the meeting room and member Ort left the meeting room.

Smith Farm, Washington Township. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member D. Davis, the board agreed to amend its contract with Mr. Robert Smith as discussed during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Desiderio, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Ort returned to the meeting room.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

There was no report.

RIGHT TO FARM

Van Wingerden Farm. Ms. Coyle advised the board that on March 8, 2011, CADB received a complaint against David & Joanne Van Wingerden from the Pequannock Township. The complaint alleged violations of the Uniform Construction Code. Ms. Coyle explained that because the complaint involves violations of State statutes and regulations, it is outside the scope of the Right to Farm Act. Neither the CADB nor the SADC have jurisdiction in this matter. On motion of member D. Davis, seconded by member Ort, the board directed staff to send a letter to Pequannock Township informing the township officials that since neither the CADB nor the SADC have jurisdiction in this matter, the CADB dismissed the complaint and the matter remains under municipal jurisdiction. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Desiderio, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed its Mission Statement and agreed that no changes were needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Forte – application to construct agricultural labor housing. At the landowner's request, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ort, seconded by member D. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director