

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
January 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Ashley Myers at 7:43 p.m. Members present:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Ricci Desiderio
Gregory Keller (arrived at 8:08 p.m.)
Harvey Ort

Staff in attendance:

Deena Leary
Ray Chang
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle
Tina Boyer
Jennifer McCulloch (departed at 10:06 p.m.)

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Secretary Ashley Myers 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.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Election of Officers

Secretary Ashley Myers turned the meeting over to Ms. Coyle for the purpose of electing new officers. Ms. Coyle served as temporary Chairman and took nominations for the position of Chairman.

Chairman

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, Mr. Gregory Keller was nominated for Chairman. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio and Ort

Nay: None Abstain: None

Mr. Keller was re-elected Chairman.

Vice-Chairman

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member Ashley Myers, Mr. Kenneth Wightman was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio and Ort

Nay: None Abstain: None

Mr. Wightman was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Secretary

On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, Ms. Aimee Ashley Myers was nominated for Secretary. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio and Ort

Nay: None Abstain: Ashley Myers

Ms. Ashley Myers was re-elected Secretary.

Ms. Ashley Myers chaired the meeting from this point forward.

Meeting Dates Resolution

On motion of member Ort, seconded by member L. Davis, the board members unanimously approved Resolution 2013-01, which establishes the time, date, place and agenda for the meetings of 2013 and January 2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio and Ort

Nay: None Abstain: None

Review of Morris CADB's Mission Statement

The board reviewed the Mission Statement. On motion of member Ort, seconded by member D. Davis, the board members agreed that no changes were needed. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio and Ort

Nay: None Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member D. Davis, seconded by member Ort, the Board approved the minutes of the November 29, 2012 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, Desiderio and Ort

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member L. Davis, 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 standard resolution language, and voted to conduct a Closed Session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 10:05 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

How and DeNeufville Farms, Mendham Township. On motion of member L. Davis, seconded by member D. Davis, the Board directed staff to draft a letter to the landowners' attorneys per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ashley Myers, D. Davis, L. Davis, Desiderio, Ort and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Annual PIG Application to SADC – Status. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Ms. Boyer submitted the County's annual Planning Incentive Grant application to the SADC.

RIGHT TO FARM

Landi Simone, Gooserock Farm – Request for SSAMP. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that based on the Board's decision during the November 29, 2012 meeting, she sent a letter to Ms. Simone requesting additional information to be submitted by December 31, 2012 in order for the CADB to review it at the January 9, 2013 meeting and determine whether Ms. Simone's apiary operation meets the minimum standards to be considered a "commercial farm". Ms. Simone advised that she needed additional time to gather the requested information and would submit it by the end of January. Ms. Coyle also informed the Board, that pursuant to the RTF rules, she mailed notifications regarding Ms. Simone's request for a SSAMP to the SADC and both municipalities in which Ms. Simone's operation is located: Boonton and Montville Townships.

Alex Adams, Denville Township – Complaint. Ms. Coyle reminded the Board that the SADC received a letter dated November 6, 2012 from Denville Township requesting that the SADC find that Mr. Adam's property does not comply with the definition of a "commercial farm" and is not entitled to the protections of the RTF Act. Ms. Coyle stated that the SADC has not yet made a determination.

Fish Farm, Florham Park – Complaint. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she had been advised that Florham Park decided to dismiss the complaint against the Fish Farm. A formal letter will be sent to the SADC and the CADB regarding the dismissal.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

NEW BUSINESS

At this point, member Ashley Myers left the meeting room.

Resolution 2013-02: Final Approval: Angen, Mt. Olive Township. On motion of member Ort, seconded by member L. Davis, the Board approved Resolution 2013-02. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this point, member Ashley Myers returned to the meeting room.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of member Ashley Myers, seconded by member Ort, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director