

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller at 7:32 p.m. Members present:

Dale Davis
Louise Davis
Harvey Ort (arrived at 7:36 p.m.)
Kenneth Wightman

Members with an excused absence:

Aimee Ashley Myers
Rick Desiderio

Also in Attendance:

Scott Carlson, Esq. (departed at 7:45 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

Deena Leary
Christine Marion
W. Randall Bush, Esq.
Katherine Coyle

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had 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 L. Davis, seconded by member Wightman, the Board approved the minutes of the October 10, 2013 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: L. Davis, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: D. Davis

On motion of member D. Davis, seconded by Chairman Keller, the Board approved the minutes of the November 14, 2013 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis and Wightman

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by D. Davis, the Board approved the minutes of the August 14, 2014 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

RIGHT TO FARM #1

Vincent Carrabba, Mendham Twp. – Complaint. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by D. Davis, the Board adopted Resolution 2014-19. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis

Mr. Carlson left at 7:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the Board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, and voted to conduct a Closed Session in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, and litigation.

Chairman Keller announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Morris CADB closed the open portion of the meeting in order to discuss matters related to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, and litigation in Closed Session.

RETURN TO MEETING

The meeting reopened to the public at 8:48 p.m.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Paschal, Mine Hill Township. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the Board directed staff to send a letter to Mine Hill Township per the Board's discussion during Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

REPORT OF DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY

Annual PIG Application – municipal notification re: targeted list. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that as part of the annual SADC PIG Application process, she mailed to each municipality a list of properties targeted for farmland preservation. The Board discussed the list of targeted

farms in Pequannock Township and the fact that the properties do not meet the CADB's or the SADC's minimum criteria for preservation. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by member L. Davis, the Board agreed to remove the parcels from the targeted list and directed staff to notify the municipality. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None Abstain: None

Legislative Updates. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that A2644/S1964 was approved as P.L. 2014, c.41 on August 25, 2014. The new law directs the Dept. of Agriculture to establish a clearinghouse website for farmers to offer produce and dairy products for use by school breakfast programs, school lunch programs, and food banks.

RIGHT TO FARM #2

Matthew Johnston, Washington Twp. – 2nd request for SSAMP. On motion of member Wightman, seconded by D. Davis, the Board adopted Resolution 2014-20. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: D. Davis, Ort, Wightman and Keller

Nay: None Abstain: L. Davis

William Benkendorf, Washington Twp. – Complaint. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that Mr. Benkendorf had submitted additional information in response to the CADB's second request. Ms. Coyle would prepare a Staff Report for the October 9, 2014 meeting.

Valley Shepherd, Washington Twp. – Complaint. Mr. Bush informed the Board that the SADC was in the process of reviewing Washington Township's Municipal Judge Frank Leanza's Consent Order directing that Washington Township's complaint be forwarded to the SADC.

SADC Model SSAMP Review Checklist. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that the SADC adopted the Model SSAMP Review Checklist to be utilized by CADBs during the review of requests for SSAMPs.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review.

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 Ort, seconded by member D. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Coyle
Director