

THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 7:30 PM

Planning Board Conference Room, Hall of Records Annex, 2nd Floor
One East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bullock, Buscaglia, Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, Halka, McCarthy, Obal, Potter
Staff: Brockwell, Honigfeld, Messina
Representatives: Costigan (Howell), Jacoby (Colts Neck), Holmes (Upper Freehold), Dancer (Millstone), Rajan (Marlboro), Holland (Manalapan)
Public:

MINUTES:

Mr. Geran offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the February 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halka and approved by voice vote.
Mr. Buscaglia & Mr. Giambrone abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

None

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report
- C. Staff: Preparing for closings in Spring 2010
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Snow damage from winter storms caused some injuries to greenhouses and vegetable tunnels

Nonagricultural use discussion was slated to take place at the NJ Agriculture Convention, but cut short due to the impending snow storm.

E. Municipal Representatives:

Howell: Working on ordering appraisals for Municipal PIG project

Colts Neck: Noted that the economy is posing challenge for landowner negotiations

Upper Freehold: Noted that cost sharing for projects is a tough sell to the council currently, also an effect of the economic times



NEW BUSINESS:

- **Senate Bill 1128 :** Comments on the Bill were requested by the Planning Board Director. Several issues were discussed. The overall conclusion is that the concept behind the bill is good, but the logistical details of implementation, needs improvement.
- **Final Approval Resolution (Block 155, Lot 13.03, Marlboro) – Municipal PIG:** Property is located on Pleasant Valley Road and was previously acquired in fee by the township. Farm debris & elevated levels of arsenic caused a stall in the closing process. Despite clearance from the Monmouth County Solid Waste Enforcement Team, the town will be removing all debris from the property.

Mr. Geran made motion to accept the resolution. After questions were answered by staff, the motion was seconded by Mr. Halka and approved by voice vote.

RIGHT TO FARM ISSUES:

- **Status Reports:** No hearings currently scheduled

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marlboro: Thanked Board and staff for work and approval related to McCarron property.

Chairman McCarthy: Inquired as to statistics on wine grape growing in the County.

Colts Neck: Requested that 2009 summary report be emailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Potter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Geran and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.