

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, July 7, 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 7:40 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

Mr. Halka offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the June 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Potter and approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Staff & Board shared and discussed the June 2, 2010 letter from Senator Robert W. Singer regarding comments to Senate Bill 1128, a June 11, 2010 response from Senator Jeff Van Drew regarding S1128, updated information on farmland preservation funding from Susan Craft, notification of an extension for commenting on Deed of Easement Interpretation, update and letter from staff on the ATV/quad track deed of easement enforcement issue, and written response from staff to a preserved farm owner regarding the construction of a new barn.

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report
- B. Staff: The monitoring summary memo was prepared in anticipation of a July SADC deadline and distributed to members.

The SADC discussed two Direct Easement Purchase applications for a farm in Upper Freehold at its June meeting. Cooperation among partners and the relevance of municipal and county planning processes were called into question.



C. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Obal commented on the recent drought and the effect it is having on local crops during this critical stage in plant growth.

D. Municipal Representatives:

Colts Neck: Working on 2 farmland preservation applications.

Millstone: Working on getting a preservation application ready.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Final Approval Resolution (Block 16, Lot 13.01 – Upper Freehold) – County PIG:**
The Board was asked to consider the +/- 55 acre application with final subdivision approvals.

Mr. Geran made motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Stuart seconded the motion that was approved by roll call vote.

- **Millstone Township’s Concerns Re: Municipal PIG Procedures:** Staff and Board discussed the circumstances & frustrations with the SADC process that led to the letter.
- **Proposed Legislation S-744:** The Board suggested that “but not limited to” be added to Page 3, Line 9 & 10. The municipal liaisons expressed concern regarding the potential for there to be a lack of agriculture expertise or background on the proposed advisory board.

RIGHT TO FARM ISSUES:

- **Status Reports:** Staff provided brief updates regarding recent calls and complaints received. No hearings currently scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.