

MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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JOSEPH RETTAGLIATA
Chairman



ROBERT W. CLARK, P.P.
Director

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD HELD ON March 16, 2009

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Rettagliata called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Counsel Aikins read the "Open Public Meetings Act Compliance" statement.

4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Joseph Rettagliata, Vincent Domidion II, Paul Kiernan, Jr., Joseph Ettore, Tom Means, James Stuart, Freeholder Burry (arrived at 1:20 p.m.), Freeholder John D'Amico and Mollie Giamanco (arrived at 1:15 p.m.).

Members Absent: None.

Alternates Present: Corey Folta and Louis Tocci.

Alternates Absent: Richard Kucinski.

Others Present: Robert W. Clark, Director of Planning
Bonnie Goldschlag, Assistant Director of Planning
Mark Aikins, Esq., Counsel to the Board
Geraldine Elias, Secretary to the Board

MCPB Staff Present: Linda Brennen, Environmental Planning Section
Virginia Edwards, Community Development Section
Anthony Gamallo, Transportation Planning Section
Harriet Honigfeld, Environmental Planning Section
Turner Shell, Environmental Planning Section
Nora Shepard, Transportation Planning Section
Ann Waters, Environmental Planning Section

Public Present: Cort Coleman, Liberty Natural Gas

5. MEETING MINUTES

Freeholder D'Amico offered a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2008 meeting as presented and was seconded by Vincent Domidion II.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Director Clark stated that our office has received 12 letters from Holmdel residents regarding Holmdel Township's Wastewater Management Plan and the township committee's comments. Our office has prepared a reply that has been sent to all 12 Holmdel residents. Copies of all the letters received and the Planning Board office's response is attached to these minutes for reference.
2. Director Clark stated that our office has received Resolution No. 2009-50B adopted by the Township Committee of the Colts Neck on March 11, 2009 opposing reduction of Monmouth County dedicated open space tax fund. Freeholder D'Amico stated that this is now a non-issue.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Ann Waters reported that the Council is continuing to make the final plans for the Energy Forum that will be held on April 29, 2009 at Brookdale Community College at 6:30 p.m. Speakers that are already confirmed for the event include representatives from BPU's Clean Energy Program and New Jersey Natural Gas.

In addition, the Rain Garden Project with Brookdale Community College is still moving forward. The council is still providing information to NJDEP.

Ms. Waters reported that the Environmental Council is still gathering information for the LNG opinion report they are preparing for the Planning Board.

B. AMENDMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jessica Kubida reported that the March Amendment Review Committee meeting was cancelled.

C. AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Harriet Honigfeld reported that the Agriculture Development Board did not have a meeting in March.

Ms. Honigfeld stated that the county was successful in obtaining their cost share grant from the state for preparing our *Farmland Preservation Plan* that

was completed last year. The \$23,000 cost share check was used for printing and an intern's salary.

D. TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Anthony Gamallo reported that at the Transportation Council's last meeting, Allen Weinberg from NJ Transit gave a presentation on the ARC Tunnel which is scheduled for completion in 2017.

The council discussed the transportation summit which is being held on May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Agriculture Building. They are still working on getting speakers. Assembly Wisniewski, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee is confirmed as a speaker. Mr. Gamallo stated that the focus of this summit is primarily to discuss a broad spectrum of transportation issues we are facing today.

In addition, the Transportation Council discussed the *Coastal Evacuation Study*. The consulting team and Planning staff are nearing completion of the plan and are holding a second round of stakeholder meetings to discuss the latest findings.

E. STORMWATER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Turner Shell reported that the STAC recommends that the board grant final approval of the Allenhurst Municipal Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Control Ordinance. Counsel Aikins read the draft resolution for final approval. Mollie Giamanco offered a motion to approve the resolution as read and it was seconded by Paul Kiernan. All present agreed and the resolution was adopted.

Turner Shell reported that the STAC recommends that the board grant final approval of the Interlaken Municipal Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Control Ordinance. Counsel Aikins read the draft resolution for final approval. Vincent Domidion II offered a motion to approve the resolution as read and it was seconded by Freeholder Burry. All present agreed and the resolution was adopted.

Turner Shell reported that the STAC recommends that the board grant final approval of the Keansburg Municipal Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Control Ordinance. Counsel Aikins read the draft resolution for final approval. Freeholder D'Amico offered a motion to approve the resolution as read and it was seconded by Paul Kiernan. All present agreed and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Shell reported that there are still 11 municipal Stormwater Management Plans and Stormwater Control Ordinances.

F. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairman Rettagliata stated that Schedules 1075, A, B, C, and D from the January 12, 2009 meeting and Schedules 1076 A, B, C, D from the February 9, 2009 are available from Secretary Elias if anyone would like to obtain a copy.

G. GREENHOUSE GAS COMMITTEE

Ann Waters reported that the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Committee had their initial meeting on March 3rd. At this meeting they discussed forming sub-committees. For example, a plan review committee, a legislative review committee and a new technologies committee.

At this meeting, Ms. Waters informed the committee that a Greenhouse Gas website has been created. This website will contain meeting dates, notes, minutes of the meetings, resolutions and links for energy related resources.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on MOM

Assistant Director Goldschlag reported that we have received over \$500,000 in Omnibus funds which will be used in completing the necessary studies to advance the MOM project. Our office applied for 2010 Omnibus funds and will not find out if we receive the funds until approximately one year after the application was submitted.

B. Update on the Energy Audit Grant

Linda Brennen distributed a copy of the newly published Eco-Tip on "Energy for the Future" that was discussed at the last board meeting. A copy of the brochure is attached to these minutes for reference.

Ms. Brennen reported that our office has submitted our application for the Energy Audit Grant. The county's Building and Grounds department supplied us with the information that was needed to complete this application. Ms. Brennen and staff are currently working on preparing the scope of work.

Ms. Brennen distributed a summary sheet she prepared which listed and explained all current energy related legislative initiatives. Ms. Brennen reviewed several of them with the board such as NJAC 7:27 D-Global Warming Solutions Fund Rules: A1185 (passed) – the Energy Savings Improvement Program: A2550 (passed) – amending Municipal Land Use Law to make renewable energy facilities a permitted use within every industrial zone in the State on parcels of 20 or more contiguous acres, A-1303/A-3062 – amending the Municipal Land Use Law to add wind, solar and photovoltaic energy facilities to the examples of an "inherently beneficial use"; S-2528/A-3439 (under consideration) - limits municipal zoning regulations for small wind energy systems but requiring they not be fully prohibited and by limited set-

back and height regulations; and the Federal M.O.R.E. Act. A copy of the summary sheet is attached to these minutes for reference.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Federal Agriculture Census

Harriet Honigfeld gave a PowerPoint presentation on the newly released Federal Agriculture Census using 2007 data and where Monmouth County stands. Ms. Honigfeld reviewed the highlights of the report and the demographics of the census data with the board. Some of the significant points she highlighted were that the total number of acres of farmland in Monmouth County has decreased steadily from 1954 through 2007. Also, Monmouth County is 4th in the state in the number of farms and we are 1st in the state in the value of sales of horses, ponies, mules and donkeys. In addition, we are the 7th in the United States in that category. Our county is the number 2 county in state in terms of sales in the industries of nurseries, greenhouses and sod.

Ms. Honigfeld answered questions from the board.

B. Continuum of Care

Virginia Edwards distributed and reviewed the 2008 Continuum of Care allocations and explained the selection process with the board. A copy of the allocations is attached to these minutes for reference.

10. EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORT

Director Clark stated that the presentation by the county's engineering staff on the proposed roundabouts on Rt. 520 that was discussed at the February meeting will be on the April meeting agenda. In addition, he mentioned that the Board received copies of the presentation that was given by the consultation hired by the Lincroft Village Green Association at this Board's February meeting. They also received a copy of a presentation submitted by Carol Baker, co-president of the Lincroft Village Green Association; this presentation was not seen by the Board. Both presentations are attached to these minutes for reference.

Mr. Ettore stated that he will be attending a public information meeting held by the NJDOT Wednesday, March 25th to discuss an improvement plan regarding the intersection of CR. 537 and Rt. 34 in Colts Neck.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mollie Giamanco offered a motion to adjourn this meeting and was seconded by Paul Kiernan, Jr. All present were in favor. Chairman Rettagliata adjourned this meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine A. Elias
Secretary to the Board

