

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, December 7, 2011, 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 (arrived at 7:45), Butch, Clayton, DeFelice, Geran, Giambrone, Halka, McCarthy, Potter, Sciarappa
Staff: Brockwell, Honigfeld, May
Representatives: Jacoby (Colts Neck), Costigan (Howell), Chenal (Marlboro)
Public: Craig Daum, Hope Gruzlovic

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Geran offered a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the November 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Potter and approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

No discussion

REGULAR REPORTS:

- A. Chairman: No report.
- B. State: Ms. Gruzlovic informed the board that the issue of medical marijuana growing facilities will be discussed on the 12/8/11 SADC agenda. She noted that at the same meeting the Draft On-farm Direct Marketing AMP & Diamond Developers LLC final approval will be discussed.
- C. Staff: Ms. Honigfeld updated the board on the progress of the Mattei matter. She also announced that staff is hoping to work on a new initiative in 2012 -- a Food System Assessment. Additionally, a report distributed by the SADC was shared that confirmed Upper Freehold as having the most preserved farmland in the state.
- D. Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Mr. Sciarappa spoke about the NJ Farm Bureau meeting in Princeton and some of the matters discussed there including the issue of reduced agriculture extension staff despite increasing need for agent services. There is an initiative by the Board of Agriculture, Farm Bureau and County to pledge funds towards



staff. The vegetable growers meeting in January and education efforts at Cook College (with strong representation from Allentown) was also mentioned.

E. Municipal Representatives:

Colts Neck – Mr. Jacoby announced that the voters in Colts Neck opposed the ballot question to divert municipal open space funds.

Marlboro – Mr. Chenal shared the town’s enthusiasm for the recent announcement that the former Marlboro State Hospital site will become open space.

Howell – Mr. Costigan had no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renewable Energy Generation Facility Request (B 70, L 1.02 Manalapan): Ms. Honigfeld and Mr. Daum, the applicant, shared information with the board regarding the application for solar panels that was forwarded to the county by the SADC. Staff noted the inconsistency between the kilowatt hours listed in the report. The correction to the report were noted by staff. The board discussed the application and concluded that there is a need for clarification on the units listed in the report, yet they otherwise support the application. A motion was made by Mr. Buscaglia, seconded by Mr. Giambrone and approved by voice vote.

RIGHT TO FARM:

Status Reports: Ms. Brockwell updated the Board on the status of a Request for SSAMP determination in Colts Neck Township that has been postponed by the applicant until further notice. Staff noted the status of the Becker Tree Service OAL appeal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Craig Daum provided additional detail and background about the solar proposal.

Mr. Sciarappa updated the board on a recent event that honored former Freeholder Theodore Narozanick for his contributions to the county agriculture community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. Potter and seconded by Mr. Geran to close regular session and enter Executive Session made at 8:07pm

Motion to go back into regular session was approved at 8:20 PM

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Geran and seconded by Ms. Butch to endorse the Mattei settlement and was approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Potter made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Giambrone seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.