

SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

January 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Eric Snyder at 4:05 p.m. The meeting is held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-2 of 1975, as amended. Present were:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Borisuk, Chairman
Michael Francis
Wolfgang Gstattenbauer
Gene Crawford, 1st Alternate
John Risko, Engineering Alternate
Rich Vohden, Freeholder Director

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Daniel Conkling
Dr. John Ford, Vice Chairman
Dan Flynn, 2nd Alternate

STAFF PRESENT:

Eric Snyder, Planning Director
Alice Brees, Principal Planner
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

None

REORGANIZATION:

Eric Snyder called for a nomination for the position of Chairman of the Sussex County Planning Board. Michael Francis nominated Andy Borisuk as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Wolfgang Gstattenbauer. Hearing no other nominations for the position of Chairman, the nominations were closed. The Board unanimously approved the nomination.

Chairman Borisuk called for a nomination for the position of Vice Chairman of the Sussex County Planning Board. Wolfgang Gstattenbauer nominated Dr. John Ford as Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Gene Crawford. Hearing no other nominations for the position of Vice Chairman, the nominations were closed. The Board unanimously approved the nomination.

A motion was made by Wolfgang Gstattenbauer that the Herald, Sunday Herald and Star Ledger be used for Notices to the Media. The motion was seconded by Michael Francis. A roll-call vote was taken. Result as follows: Andy Borisuk-Yes; Michael Francis-Yes; Wolfgang Gstattenbauer-Yes; Gene Crawford-Yes; John Risko-Yes; and Rich Vohden-Yes. Motion carried.

The 2014 Meeting Dates for the County Planning Board were provided to the Board members. A motion was made by Michael Francis that the Schedule of Meetings for the Planning Board for 2014 be adopted as noted. The motion was seconded by Wolfgang Gstattenbauer and carried unanimously.

The 2014 Meeting Dates for the County Development Review Committee were provided to the Board members. A motion was made by Freeholder Director Rich Vohden adopt the Schedule of Meetings for the Planning Board Development Review Committee for 2014 as noted. The motion was seconded by Michael Francis and carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Wolfgang Gstattenbauer to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Francis. All were in favor with an abstention from Gene Crawford. Motion carried.

SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Michael Francis to approve the Development Review Committee Reports for December 2, 2013 and December 16, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Rich Vohden and carried unanimously.

APPEALS AND WAIVER REQUESTS:

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Eric Snyder reported that the Complete Streets Plan is progressing. The draft report should be submitted sometime this month. The report will include a draft policy which is currently under consideration for Complete Streets Elements. The basic idea is that some streets are complete as they are and some could use some changes. The concern is about how people get from "A" to "B" to "C" safely. Most of the roads in the County are vehicle oriented. However, some people are too young to drive, some are too old to drive and some people can't afford to drive. Those people need other ways of getting around. Transit does not work here. A new transit system in Vernon was tried and did not do well. A formal presentation is planned for the future.

Mr. Snyder said the County was awarded \$110,000 for a North Jersey Group for Strategic Growth/Vision 2020. He said that in 2006, Dean Jim Hughes, the lead Consultant for the analysis, said that New Jersey still has to reinvent itself given the

trends. Rich Vohden said in July 2006, Dean Hughes said if New Jersey does not change its ways, it would find itself in a situation almost as bad as the Great Depression. Dean Hughes and his partner, Joe Senecca, are the authors of the periodically released Rutgers Regional Report. Mr. Snyder said they are the “go to” people for economic analysis in the State of New Jersey and elsewhere. The Study will not only consider Sussex, but the region because our region bleeds into adjacent States. Based on the latest study, New Jersey is now the state with the highest net out-migration in the United States. A presentation will be held on this study as well.

Alice Brees reported that she and Eric Snyder are currently working on the Build-Out Analysis for the Water Quality Management Plan. They are looking for the projected growth in sewer areas and septic areas as per DEP guidelines. Mr. Snyder said this discussion is also being held with the towns. They are preparing draft numbers and sending them to the towns for their input. Mr. Snyder said they will soon start working with the update of the Solid Waste Plan. He hopes to have this plan done by the end of the year.

Mr. Snyder said currently there is a Bill in both the House and the Senate that would extend the period to get the Wastewater Management Plans complete. If passed, it would extend the deadline for another two years beyond the current deadline of January 15, 2014. The Bill is sponsored, in part, by Steve Oroho, Parker Space and Alison McHose. Other Counties have adopted Resolutions of Support. The County Planners Association has also endorsed the Bill.

MOTION:

A Motion was made by Michael Francis to recommend that the Freeholder Board send a Resolution of Support for the Bill to extend the deadline for completion of the Wastewater Management Plans. The motion was seconded by Gene Crawford and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF 2014 MEETING DATES:

This item was covered under Reorganization.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gene Crawford. The motion was seconded by Wolfgang Gstatenbauer and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.