

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD

Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2011

Present: B. Stowman, Chairman, C. Thompson, V. Chairman, Mayor K. Ireland, R. Chard, J. Carrara, R. Hoffman, J. Lafferty, J. Pflaumer, Alt. #1, J. Yondura, Alt.#2, T. CuvIELLO, Planner, C. Morrissey, Engineer and M. Benson, Solicitor.

The Chairman announced that this meeting was held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey.

The minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Chard and seconded by Carrara. Unanimous.

The Secretary noted that a correction was made to the December 2010 minutes changing the Block/Lot owned by Roy Oliver from 276/4 to 276/3. Block 276, Lot 4 was the subject property of the application and owned by Yank Marine, the applicant.

Resolution No. 2011-02 for the Board's acceptance of Michael Benson's contract for professional services was adopted on a motion by Chard, seconded by Hoffman and a unanimous roll call vote.

The Secretary announced receipt of the following correspondence:

1. The December/January NJ Planner publication.
2. The Winter/Spring mandatory training schedule from NJ Planning Officials.
3. Memo dated 1-25-11 from the Pinelands Commission regarding the adoption of Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) amendments relating to forestry. (Specifically, disking practices)
4. Letter to Mayor Ireland from Nancy Wittenberg, the new executive director of the Pinelands Commission introducing herself and stating that she will be reaching out to all of the Pinelands municipalities over the next few weeks to ensure that we continue to work well together.

In response to questions from Stowman regarding the COAH article in the NJ Planner, CuvIELLO informed the Board that the Governor has conditionally vetoed the S-1 legislation. Even though COAH has been abolished, affordable housing laws have not. We still find ourselves in a wait and see situation as legislators are still working on a satisfactory outcome.

Cormac Morrissey, PE, the new Township and Land Use Board Engineer, was introduced and welcomed to the Board. He informed the Board that he has been with Dixon Associates of Galloway, New Jersey since 1988 and is now a partner. He gave a brief history of his credentials

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and examples of work that he and his company have been involved in. He has extensive regulatory experience with Pinelands and CAFRA as well as site plan and subdivision experience. He has experience preparing applications for water allocation permits as well as stormwater management and wastewater/water quality management plans.

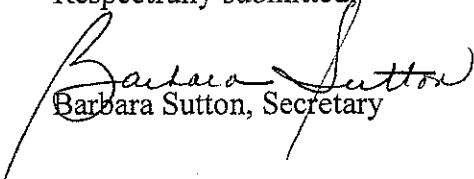
Mayor Ireland informed the Board of several projects that the Township is working on including an Army Corps of Engineers project to install an oyster reef off of Thompson's Beach which will help shoreline erosion; possible restoration of Moore's Beach; possible tax abatement and reduced sales tax for the Rt. 347 corridor to attract business; and the rails to trails project. She noted that the Nature Conservancy is willing to donate land on the west side of Rt. 47 opposite Schooner Landing Rd. to the DEP making Federal funds available to install a new boat ramp.

Mayor Ireland further stated that pilot funding for the prison is still being pursued. Documentation is being gathered and organized to present a case to the Lt. Governor to show why the Township should be a recipient of a portion of this funding.

Also discussed was the phasing out of the Garden State Open Space funding; the possibility of identifying and presenting a potential site for off road vehicles to the Pinelands Preservation Alliance who are looking for a designated area for this purpose; the possibility of getting our centers reinstated; and the need to review and possibly update our Master Plan.

There being no further business, Chard motioned to adjourn. Hoffman seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Sutton, Secretary