

**Middlesex County Planning Board Meeting
County Administration Building, 75 Bayard Street,
Freeholder Meeting Room, 1st Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
February 11, 2020
3:30 P.M.
Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Freeholder Charles Kenny
Mr. Matthew Vaughn, Chairman
Mr. Thomas Pollando, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ronald Sendner, County Engineer
Mr. Jonathan Kopf
Mr. Jason Freidman
Ms. Rani Goomer
Mr. Erik Wong, Alternate
Ms. Gail Lalla, Alternate

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
Mr. William Thomas III

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Solomon Caviness, Department of Transportation, Department Head
Mr. Douglas J. Greenfeld, AICP, PP, Planning Director
Steven Cahn, Esq., Planning Board Counsel
Ms. Brenda L. Bleacher, Planning Board Secretary
Ms. Mirah Becker, Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability
Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation
Mr. George M. Ververides, AICP, PP

PUBLIC PRESENT

Mr. Shawn Haussermann, South River
Mr. Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick Today

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Salute to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

The Secretary called the roll, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

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I. Open Public discussion on resolutions listed on this agenda only – None

Mr. Freidman motioned to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion was carried unanimously.

II. Administration:

Mr. Thomas Pollando

A. Approve Minutes of December 10, 2019.

Mr. Greenfeld reported that the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting are in the folder for approval.

Mr. Wong moved, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019. Motion was carried unanimously.

B. Review of Minutes of January 14, 2020.

Mr. Greenfeld reported that the minutes of January 14, 2020 are before the Planning Board for review and for approval at the March 10, 2020 meeting.

C. Financial Report –

Mr. Greenfeld reported that the Financial Report for January 2020 is before the Planning Board for approval, the 2020 proposed budget is pending adoption by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mr. Wong moved, seconded by Pollando, to approve the Financial Report for January 2020. Motion was carried unanimously.

D. Committee Report – None

E. Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions - Mr. Greenfeld stated that the Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions report is in the folder for review.

Mr. Greenfield stated that on the Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions report the ordinances for Highland Park; South Brunswick and North Brunswick are under review.

Mr. Freidman moved , seconded by Ms. Goomer, to approve the Summary of Zoning and Master Plan Revisions report. Motion was carried unanimously.

F. Correspondence – All correspondence received since the last meeting has been filed in the Office of Planning for reference.

III. Environmental Sustainability:
Mr. Jason Freidman

A. Committee Report for January 2020:

Ms. Becker reported that the Water Quality Management Plan: Staff has met with Plainsboro and NJDEP to ensure that the County's build-out methodology is implemented on behalf of Plainsboro Township.

Water Quality Management Plan Amendment:

The Frankie Scotto Property, Block 37, Lot 12.14, South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, was considered by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their Public Meeting on February 6, 2020. The amendments rescheduled for a Public Hearing for March 18, 2020.

The Cranbury-Dey Road will be considered by the Board of Freeholders at their Public Meeting on March 5, 2020.

The County Agriculture Development Board has two open PIG applications for farmland preservation: (1) the Estate of Anthony Zimbicki, Sr., Monroe; and (2) the Estate of Ernest Bergfelder, East Brunswick.

There are currently four (4) right to farm applications before the County Agricultural Development Board: three (3) applications for mulching; one (1) application for a horse auction site allegedly to be operating horse rodeo events.

Ms. Becker stated that the Destination 2040 staff met regarding the current chapters; the discussion was to further refine each chapter.

Mr. Wong moved, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to approve the Committee Report for January 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Transportation:
Mr. Ronald Sendner, County Engineer

A. Committee Report for January 2020:

Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the 2013 revised Transit Guide has been updated and is under review by Keep Middlesex Moving and NJ Transit.

Mr. Gambilonghi reported that the NJTPA regional sessions for the FY2021-2023 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality was held on January 16, 2020. This program included alternative fuel transit vehicles and fueling infrastructure, shuttle vehicles replacement, bike lane, greenway facilities, intersection and traffic signal movements, shuttle vehicle replacements and traveler information services.

The Livingston Avenue Complete Street Project; Mr. Sendner stated that the construction has already started and will take approximately one half year to complete.

The Central Jersey Transportation Forum was held on February 4, 2020. Mr. Greenfeld, Mr. Ververides and I attended. A resolution to adopt Vision Zero goal that there be no loss of life due to traffic crashes was accepted.

Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the Destination 2040 staff met regarding the comments received by the stakeholders regarding several hundred comments; the discussion was to further review all related goals for each chapter.

Mr. Pollando addressed the Sayreville Bus Line. He stated that a Committee and the “New” Mayor were in discussion regarding the number of Sayreville Residents commuting to NYC.

Mr. Pollando invited Mr. Caviness, Transportation Department Head, to attend a meeting to discuss options for the residents.

Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the Academy Bus Line was eliminated because of the low ridership use. We are unable to determine where the passengers reside, to help determine a new bus route.

Mr. Wong moved, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to approve the Committee Report for January, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

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- V. Development Review:
Mr. Matthew M. Vaughn

A. Committee Report – None

- VI. Comprehensive Planning:
Ms. Rani Goomer

A. Committee Report - None

- VII. Other Matters:

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

- VIII. Public Comments:

Mr. Ververides welcomed Mr. Solomon Caviness, Transportation Department Head and Mr. Douglas Greenfeld, Planning Director.

Mr. Caviness thanked the members and staff for their gracious warm welcome extended to Mr. Greenfeld and himself.

Mr. Greenfeld stated that we are looking forward to working with the Planning Board for a long time to come.

Chairman Vaughan welcomed both Mr. Caviness and Mr. Greenfeld to the Planning Board, and I look forward to working with both of you.

Mr. Freidman motioned to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion carried unanimously.

- IX. Adjournment:

Since there was no further business to come before the Planning Board, a motion was made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Pollando, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Bleacher
Planning Board Secretary