

REORGANIZATION MEETING
MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Meeting Center
40 Livingston Avenue; New Brunswick, NJ

January 14, 2014

MINUTES

Those Present:

Ms. Olga Sgambettera, Chairman
Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro
Mr. Richard Wallner, County Engineer
Mr. Vincent R. Martino
Mr. Thomas Pollando
Mr. William Thomas
Mr. Erik Wong, Alternate
Barry Goldstein, Esq., representing Steven D. Cahn, Esq., Counsel
Mrs. Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

Not Present:

Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
Mr. Gerald Tamburro, Vice Chairman
Mr. Matthew M. Vaughn

Also Present:

Mr. George M. Ververides, Director, Office of Planning
Ms. Mirah Becker, Supervisor, Comprehensive Planning and The Environment
Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation
Mr. Stanley Olszewski, Supervisor, Development Review

Prior to convening the Reorganization Meeting of the Middlesex County Planning Board, Ms. Margaret E. Pemberton, RMC, Clerk of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, administered the Oaths of Office to Messrs. Vincent R. Martino and Thomas Pollando reappointing them as members of the Middlesex County Planning Board. Mr. Martino, of Woodbridge, and Mr. Pollando, of Sayreville, were appointed to three-year terms by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders at its Reorganization meeting on January 5, 2014. Mr. Gerald Tamburro was out of town and will be sworn in at a future date.

Mr. Ververides, Director, Office of Planning, presiding as temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Ververides invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary called the roll and declared that there was a quorum.

Mr. Ververides congratulated the reappointed members, and welcomed Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro, who was appointed liaison member to the Planning Board.

Mr. Ververides called for nominations for Chairman of the Planning Board for the Year 2014. Mr. Martino nominated Ms. Sgambettera, seconded by Mr. Wong. Hearing no further nominations, Freeholder Tomaro motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion carried to close nominations. Roll call on the nomination, Freeholder Tomaro, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, Wong, and Ms. Sgambettera voted Aye. Ms. Sgambettera was unanimously declared Chairman for 2014.

Ms. Sgambettera called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Wong nominated Mr. Tamburro, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Hearing no further nominations, Freeholder Tomaro motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion carried to close nominations. Roll call on the nomination, Freeholder Tomaro,

Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, Wong, and Ms. Sgambettera voted Aye. Mr. Tamburro was unanimously declared Vice Chairman for 2014.

Chairman Sgambettera made the following Committee appointments for 2014:

Administration, Data Management & Technical Services: Mr. Gerald Tamburro

Environment: Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Transportation: Mr. Richard Wallner

Development Review: Ms. Olga Sgambettera, Chairman

Mr. Richard Wallner

Mr. Gerald Tamburro

Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Mr. George M. Ververides

(All remaining Planning Board members serve as Alternates)

Comprehensive Planning: Mr. William Thomas

(The Chairman of the Planning Board is an ex-officio member of each Committee of the Planning Board)

Chairman Sgambettera made the following Advisory Committee liaison appointments for 2014:

County Agricultural Development Board: Mr. William Thomas

Housing & Community Development: Mr. Thomas Pollando

Lower Raritan River Watershed Association: Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Transportation Coordinating Committee: Mr. Richard Wallner

Resolution #2014-01 was presented to appoint Steven D. Cahn, Esq. as Attorney to the Planning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Wallner, to approve the Resolution. On roll call, Freeholder Tomaro, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, Wong and Ms. Sgambettera voted Aye. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Resolution #2014-02 was presented to set the Scheduled Meetings of the Middlesex County Planning Board and the Planning Board's Development Review Committee, said meetings to be conducted on the second Tuesday of each calendar month at 3:30 p.m. for the Planning Board, and at 3 p.m. for the Development Review Committee. Mr. Wallner moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Thomas. On roll call, Freeholder Tomaro, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, Wong, and Ms. Sgambettera voted Aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2014-03 was presented which requires that all meetings or conduct of public business where official action is to be discussed or taken must be open to the public, and outlined the agenda to be followed at all official meetings of the County Planning Board where formal action is intended to be taken, as prescribed in the By Laws of the County Planning Board. Mr. Thomas moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Wong. On roll call, Freeholder Tomaro, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, Wong and Ms. Sgambettera voted Aye. Resolution adopted unanimously.

I. Administration, Data Management & Technical Services: Mr. Gerald Tamborro

Minutes – November 12, 2013: Mr. Wallner moved, second by Mr. Pollando, to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports for November - December, 2013: Mr. Ververides stated that a copy of the Financial Report was contained in the folder. The total for the Planning Department has a small surplus, which should balance out by year end. Mr. Martino moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wong.

Motion carried. Committee Report: None. Communications: None.

II. Environment: Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that copies of the Work Program Progress Reports for November - December, 2014 were contained in the folder. In connection with the Wastewater Management Plan's updated Future Sewer Service Area Map, the Board of Chosen Freeholders was scheduled to adopt the new Plan on January 16, 2014, in compliance with the January 17, 2014 deadline schedule set by the State of New Jersey. However, the Board of Chosen Freeholders requested additional time regarding the Plan. Subsequently, the Legislature extended the deadline two years, and forwarded the Amendment to the Governor for signature. As a result, the old Plan and the new Plan will be available to developers until the public hearing is rescheduled. Mr. Wallner moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Transportation: Mr. Richard Wallner

Committee Report: Mr. Gambilonghi stated that copies of the reports for November - December, 2014 were contained in the folder. Work has begun to update the current County's web site of the Office of Planning, Transportation Division with inclusion of major recently completed studies, reports, and hyperlinks of County, State, and Regional Transportation Agencies with whom we have frequent interactions. In other matters, Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro was appointed as the elected Middlesex County official representative of NJTPA for 2014, and Mr. George Ververides as his alternate representative. At the NJTPA reorganization meeting, Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise was elected Chairman for the year. Mr. Wong moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried unanimously

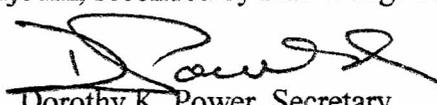
IV. Development Review: Ms. Olga Sgambettera

Committee Report: Mr. Olszewski stated that copies of the reports for November - December, 2014 were contained in the folder. The Committee acted on 39 land development requests in December. Site Plan application activity indicates a substantial increase in dwelling units and square feet of building areas. Subdivision and site plan review fees for the year to date amounted to approximately \$5.1 million, as opposed to \$1.3 million for the same period last year. Mr. Thomas moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Comprehensive Planning: Ms. Olga Sgambettera

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that copies of the Work Program Progress Reports for November - December, 2014 were included in the folder. She reported that Middlesex County has six applications in various stages of the farmland preservation process: the Voight Farm in South Brunswick, the Indyk Farm and the EJG Properties at Independence Acres Farm in Monroe; and the Reinhardt Farm and the Protinick Farm in Cranbury. Two other farmland preservation applications were discussed at the County Agriculture Development Board: the J.B. Heatherwood Farm in Monroe and the Providence Corporation farmland property in South Brunswick. Mr. Wallner moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wong. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wallner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wong. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,  Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

Dated: January 31, 2014