MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Middlesex County Administration Building
75 Bayard Street; New Brunswick, NJ
Tuesday, February 9, 2016

MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Middlesex County Planning Board was called to order by presiding temporary Chairman, Mr. George Ververides, Director, Office of Planning at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. He invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ververides then invited Ms. Amy Naples, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to administer the oaths of office to reappointed member, Mr. William Thomas, Borough of South Plainfield for a three-year term, and to newly-appointed Rani K. Goomer, East Brunswick Township, for a one-year term to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Tamburro. Mr. Ververides noted that Mr. Jason Friedman, who was also appointed to the Planning Board by Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will be administered the oath of office at the March 8 Planning Board meeting. The Secretary then called the roll and declared that there was a quorum.

Those Present:
Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro
Mr. Richard Wallner, County Engineer
Ms. Rani K. Goomer
Mr. Vincent R. Martino
Mr. Thomas Pollando
Mr. William Thomas
Mr. Matthew M. Vaughn
Steven D. Cahn, Esq., Counsel
Mrs. Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

Not Present:
Mr. Erik Wong, Alternate

Also Present:
Mr. George M. Ververides, Director, Office of Planning
Ms. Mirah Becker, Supervisor, Comprehensive Planning, Parks and the Environment
Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation
Mr. Stanley Olszewski, Supervisor, Development Review
Mr. Rajvir S. Goomer
Mr. Tom Palumbo
Ms. Yesewa Padilla

Mr. Ververides called for nominations for Chairman of the Planning Board for the Year 2016. Mr. Thomas nominated Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Freeholder Director Rios. 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 Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas,Wallner, and Vaughn voted Aye. Mr. Vaughn was unanimously declared Chairman for 2016. Mr. Vaughn assumed his seat as Chairman and called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Thomas nominated Mr. Pollando. seconded by Freeholder Director Rios. Hearing no further nominations, Freeholder Director Rios motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

Roll call on the nomination, Freeholder Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, and Vaughn voted Aye. Mr. Pollando was unanimously declared Vice Chairman.
Chairman Vaughn made the following Committee appointments for 2016:
Administration, Data Management & Technical Services: Mr. Thomas Pollando
Environment: Mr. Vincent R. Martino
Transportation: Mr. Richard Wallner
Development Review: Mr. Matthew M, Vaughn, Chairman
Mr. Richard Wallner
Mr. Thomas Pollando
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 Vaughn made the following Advisory Committee liaison appointments for 2016:
County Agricultural Development Board: Mr. William Thomas
Housing & Community Development: Mr. Jason Friedman
Lower Raritan River Watershed Association: Mr. Vincent R. Martino
Transportation Coordinating Committee: Mr. Richard Wallner

Resolution #2016-01 was presented to appoint Steven D. Cahn, Esq. as Attorney to the Planning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Freeholder Director Rios, to approve the Resolution. On roll call, Freeholder Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner and Vaughn voted Aye. Resolution adopted unanimously.
Resolution #2016-02 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. Thomas moved the Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Director Rios. On roll call, Freeholder Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner and Vaughn voted Aye. Resolution adopted.
Resolution #2016-03 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 Freeholder Director Rios. On roll call, Freeholder Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner and Vaughn voted Aye. Resolution adopted unanimously.

I. Administration, Data Management & Technical Services: Mr. Thomas Pollando

Minutes – January 12, 2016: Mr. Wallner moved, second by Mr. Pollando, to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report for January, 2016: Mr. Ververides stated that he is awaiting adoption of the 2016 budget by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and he will present the financial report at the March meeting. Mr. Martino moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.
Committee Report: None.

Communications: Mr. Ververides presented a Resolution commending Ms. Olga Sgambettera, former Chairperson of the Middlesex County Planning Board, for her many years of service to the County Planning Board on behalf of the citizens of Middlesex County. She was a member of the Board since January, 1995, and continued as Chairperson since 2012. She served with a great sense of commitment and dedication, and will be missed by the Office of Planning and Planning staff. Mr. Thomas moved adoption of the Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Director Rios. On roll call, Freeholder Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, and Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, and Vaughn voted Aye. Resolution adopted unanimously.

II. Environment: Mr. Vincent R. Martino

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that the Work Program Progress Report for January, 2016 was contained in the folder. In connection with the Wastewater Management Plan Work, the following site amendments to the Middlesex County Sewer Service Area have been formally adopted: Metuchen Realty Acquisitions in Metuchen, South River Business Park in South River, Joanne Labarbera and Janet Reynolds in North Brunswick, The Morris Companies in Monroe, Industrial Property Trust (Zell) in Piscataway, Middlesex Energy Center in Sayreville, and Tyler Village in South Plainfield. In addition, the Disbrow Hills Properties in Monroe Township has requested to be included in the future sewer service area. The property meets the requirements, and the Middlesex County Water Resources Association endorsed the amendment to be included. Ms. Becker presented a Resolution for the Board's consideration to endorse Amendment 2016-04 to the Lower Raritan-Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plan. Mr. Thomas moved adoption of the Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Director Rios. On roll call, Freeholder Director Rios, Freeholder Tomaro, Ms. Goomer, and Messrs. Martino, Pollando, Thomas, Wallner, and Vaughn voted Aye. Resolution adopted. Mr. Thomas moved to accept the report, seconded by Freeholder Director Rios. Motion adopted.

III. Transportation: Mr. Richard Wallner

Committee Report: Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the Committee Report for January, 2016 was contained in the folder. He noted that the Route 516 bridge deck over Route 18 is to be replaced with work because of structural deficiencies, at a cost of $2.5 million from federal funds. Engineering work will soon start for replacement of the NJ Transit Raritan Bay Drawbridge between Perth Amboy and South Amboy that was damaged during Superstorm Sandy, at a cost of some $446 million from the Federal Transit Administration of the US Department of Transportation. Mr. Gambilonghi also stated that he South Amboy Ferry Terminal project is ready to advance to federal authorization of funds. In connection with the CR529 corridor study to improve bus and rail access, and bicycle/pedestrian mobility along the area, a public open house is scheduled for March 7, 6-9 p.m. at the Stelton Community Center on Plainfield Avenue in Edison. Freeholder Director Rios moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Pollando. Motion carried unanimously.

IV Development Review: Mr. Matthew Vaughn

Committee Report: Mr. Olszewski stated that the Committee Report for January, 2016 was contained in folder. The Committee acted on 34 land development requests in January. Site Plan application activity indicates a substantial increase in square feet of building areas, especially in commercial. Mr. Olszewski presented a yearly report of activity for the year 2015. Total applications amounted to 406 for the year, and he listed applications by municipality, with Monroe as most active, followed by Edison and Woodbridge. The performance guarantees chart listed the applicants and the amounts received in each category, i.e., linear feet of curbing, square yards of pavement, linear feet of sewer and/or water line, new signalized intersection, etc. Freeholder Director Rios moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Comprehensive Planning: Mr. William Thomas

Committee Report: Ms. Becker stated that the Committee Report for January was included in the folder. She reported that Middlesex County has three applications in various stages of the farmland preservation process. In connection with the Voight Farm in South Brunswick, the State Agriculture Development Board requested a Subordination Agreement be drafted pursuant to a 1999 agreement between Voight and the County Planning Board. A draft declaration of non-application was prepared and will be signed by the County Planning Board Chairman, Secretary, Board Attorney, and County Engineer, and recorded with the County Clerk's office. The Estate of Anthony Zimbicki, Sr. is a new application. Freeholder Director Rios moved to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wallner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Power, Secretary

Dated: February 26, 2016