

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2010**

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (6) Butch, Kuczinski, Denardo, Romano, Schloss (arrived 7:45 pm), Siedman
Absent: (4) Asprocolas, Blanco, Kau, Morelli

Public Comment: Ms. Butch opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:41 pm and with no public in attendance, the public comment session was closed at 7:41 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Siedman with a second offered by Mr. Romano to approve the July 22, 2010, minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes (4) Siedman, Romano, Butch, Kuczinski
Nays (0)

Correspondence

- Flyer from the Monmouth County Planning Board announcing the 6th Annual Environmental Summit sponsored by the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee to be held on Monday, September 27th, at 7:00 pm at the Wall Township Municipal Building.

Old Business

- **Trails**
 - **Industrial Park:** Nothing new to report.
- **Trail Grant Work:** Work will begin on the Perrineville Orchard Trail in October. Ms. Butch is coordinating the work with HAMT and Trailblazers and invited Council members to help. Ms. Butch will forward the work dates to Council members when determined. Work will include clearing, trimming and marking of the trail.
- **Farm Leases on Township-owned Open Space**
 - The Lee Farm Lease was awarded to Carmine Infante, LLC.
 - The Township has a management agreement for the Lichtman property; Ms. Butch and the Municipal Clerk will be meeting with Ray Porutski (Regional Superintendent, Bureau of Land Management, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife) to determine how the farm lease will be handled.
- **Capital to the Coast Bike Trail:** A meeting has not taken place; nothing to report.

New Business

- **Deed of Easement Violation – Mattei Farm:** This preserved farm consists of two blocks and lots which cannot be divided. The two parcels now have different owners: the parcel with the home is now owned by Deutsche Bank and the vacant parcel across the street is owned by Frank Mattei. Ms. Butch has notified the County. Mr. Kuczinski inquired about responsibility for enforcement. Ms. Butch explained that the County is responsible and if needed, the SADC will

become involved. The Secretary will forward the violation notice to Amanda Brockwell, the Monmouth County Planning Board Farmland Preservation Coordinator. The County holds the easement on the property and will enforce.

Events

➤ **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites**

- Ms. Butch asked Council members if they would be willing to work with the Historic Commission on this event and put the money raised towards matching grant funds for historic preservation. Currently, there are two historic buildings in the Township: the Clarksburg School (municipal building) and the historic church on Stage Coach Road.
- Council members discussed splitting funds raised between the Historic Commission and the Open Space Council or using all funds raised for rehabilitation for the historic church. A determination will be made at a future date.
- Grant work on the historic church would include a new roof, paint, repairs on the windows, tree pruning, a survey, a water source and septic. The Township obligation to the matching grant is \$22,000.
- A clean-up day and an open house at the church are planned for November.
- The Secretary will bring one of the old maps from the municipal building to the next Council meeting.

➤ **Millstone Day**

- There were 14 tractors on display. Council members agreed that the display was impressive. Mr. Dancer agreed to coordinate the tractor display again next year. A suggestion was made to include an antique car display next year. The Secretary will forward the suggestion to the Recreation Commission Secretary.

Committee Reports

Finance: The monthly Open Space Trust account overview was distributed for review; it was noted that the open space tax levy was deposited to the Trust account.

Preservation Signage: Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Publications: Ms. Butch anticipates having an end-of-year publication. Potential articles include property closings, pictures of tractors from Millstone Day and pictures of the historic church. Ms. Butch is waiting to set a date for a function at the historic church which will be advertised in the newsletter.

Legislative Awareness: Nothing new to report.

Stewardship: A meeting is planned for October.

Watershed Committee Liaison

- The Township Committee sent out an announcement soliciting for Watershed Committee volunteers. The Mayor is aware that Ms. Schloss has been appointed as the Open Space Council liaison member.
- Ms. Schloss provided a copy of the Stony-Brook Millstone Watershed annual report. The Environmental Commission has issues with findings in the report. The EC does water testing and the Stony-Brook Millstone Watershed findings were not consistent with the EC test results.

Recreation Planning Committee Liaison: Nothing to report.

Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications

- CKV Realty (Garden Center) Burnt Tavern Road: The application has not yet come before the Board.

At 8:10 pm a motion was made by Mr. Romano with a second offered by Mr. Denardo and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:15 pm the Council returned to regular session. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kuczinski with a second offered by Mr. Denardo and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher