

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 27, 2016
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08535

Ms. Schloss called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (9) Asprocolas, Butch, Denardo, Grbelja, Kozak, Lenzo, Marra, Morelli (arrived 7:44 PM), Schloss

Absent: (2) Bailey, Siedman

Public Comment: Opened and closed at 7:35 PM with no public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the September 22, 2016, minutes was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Mr. Marra. Roll call vote:

AYES: (6) Denardo, Marra, Butch, Grbelja, Lenzo, Schloss

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence:

- Email from Heidi Winzinger of the SADC dated 10/27/16 re: State Acquisition Learning/Listening meeting to be held on 11/14/16 at 1:00 pm in Trenton. The Secretary will forward the email to Council members.

Old Business

- **Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #12-04, Baird Homestead Development Project:** No update.
- **Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #14-12, Millstone Park Phase 1 Development:** No update.
- **Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #15-03, Historic ME Church:** The project is within budget and is expected to be complete before the winter season.
- **Annual Municipal PIG Application Cycle:** The list of target farms was discussed. Properties must have building lot potential and can be added in between application cycles if needed. Members of the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council and the Agricultural Advisory Council, who have farms on the target list, must step down from their Council positions if they submit an application for preservation. The Secretary will submit the 2018 planning round application to the County tomorrow. Upon review by the County, the application will be submitted to the SADC.

New Business

- **Terms Expiring on 12/31/16:** Mr. Asprocolas, C/Grbelja, Ms. Kozak and Ms. Schloss
- **Preliminary Meeting Schedule for 2017:**

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| January 26, 2017 | July 27, 2017 | January 25, 2018 |
| February 23, 2017 | August 24, 2017 | |
| March 23, 2017 | September 28, 2017 | |
| April 27, 2017 | October 26, 2017 | |
| May 25, 2017 | November 16, 2017 | |
| June 22, 2017 | December 21, 2017 | |

Meetings usually occur on the fourth Thursday of the month. The November and December meetings occur on the third Thursday due to holiday schedules.

Events

- **New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention:** November 14 & 15, 2016, in Princeton.
- **Combined State Agriculture Convention and NJ Vegetable Growers Association Convention:** February 12 - 14, 2017, in Atlantic City.
- **Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally:** March 17, 2017, in New Brunswick.

Committee Reports

- **Finance:** The 2016 open space trust activity report, with information through September, was distributed for review. C/Grbelja will investigate expenses related to the acquisition of the Burnt Tavern Meadows property.
- **Public Relations/Publications:** Council members discussed Question 1 on this year's ballot and the impact of passage of the referendum on the horse industry.
- **Legislative Awareness:** The \$15.00 minimum wage legislation has been going back and forth; the current version contains an agriculture exemption. The \$0.23 gas tax referendum question includes an estate tax reduction that has been pushed by the Farm Bureau.
- **Stewardship:** Nothing new to report.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** No discussion due to Mr. Bailey's absence. The Planning Board did not meet in October.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are scheduled for November 17 and December 15, 2016.

At 8:00 PM, a Motion to move to executive session was made by Mr. Asprocolas with a Second offered by Mr. Denardo. The Secretary read the resolution to move to closed session. Roll call:

AYES: (9) Asprocolas, Denardo, Butch, Grbelja, Kozak, Lenzo, Marra, Morelli, Schloss

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

At 8:26 PM the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Asprocolas with a Second offered by Mr. Denardo and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary