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PINELANDS COMMISSION MEETING
Richard J. Sullivan Center
Terrence D. Moore Conference Room
15 Springfield Road
New Lisbon, New Jersey

Minutes

January 16, 2009

PART I

Commissioners Present

Candace Ashmun, William Brown, *Guy Campbell, Paul E. Galletta, John A. Haas, Robert Jackson, Daniel M. Kennedy, Stephen Lee, III, Edward Lloyd, *Robert McIntosh, Francis A. Witt and Vice-Chairman, Norman F. Tomasello. Also present were Executive Director John C. Stokes and Deputy Attorney General Valerie Haynes

* via conference call

Commissioners Absent

Leslie M. Ficaglia

Vice-Chairman Tomasello called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Deputy Attorney General Haynes read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Mr. Stokes called the roll.

The Commission and public in attendance pledged allegiance to the Flag.

Resolution

Mr. Stokes presented the Resolution To Adopt Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Management Plan (Cluster Development; Development Transfer Programs; Surface Water

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Runoff) (See Resolution #PC4-09-01 attached) (*Originally designated PC4-09-107 and corrected to conform to Commission’s practice of restarting resolution numbers each calendar year*).

Mr. Stokes stated that the amendments now under consideration for adoption are the result of hard work by the Policy and Implementation Committee. He stated that these amendments accomplish the overriding goal, which is to reduce forest fragmentation, protect natural resources and avoid random and uncoordinated development in the most sensitive parts of the Pinelands.

Commissioner Ashmun moved the adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Lloyd seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ashmun stated that she supports the resolution because she supports the concept of clustering. She stated that she is concerned with potential changes (for example, the proposed definition of agriculture to include solar panels that may lead to unintended consequences and loss of forest). She feels the Commission needs to move ahead with the resolution.

Commissioner Lee concurred with Commissioner Ashmun and was impressed with the public comments and various viewpoints expressed. He stated that there is a need to be careful in working with towns in giving them the flexibility to tailor amendments.

Commissioner Lloyd agreed that the Commission should move forward and that attention needs to be paid to the solar farm issue.

Vice-Chairperson Tomasello asked Mr. Stokes to call the roll.

Ashmun	Yes	Haas	Yes	Lloyd	Yes
Brown	Yes	Jackson	Yes	McIntosh	Yes
Campbell	Yes	Kennedy	Yes	Witt	Yes
Galletta	Yes	Lee	Yes	Tomasello	Yes

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Stokes stated that staff will work very closely with towns on implementation and that any “tailoring” will need to be reasonable.

Public Comment on Part I Agenda Items

Mr. Harry Monesson, Pemberton Township resident, stated that New Jersey is the least friendly state to small family businesses and that there needs to be smart implementation of clustering.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lloyd moved to adjourn Part I of the meeting. Commissioner Galletta seconded the motion. The Commission agreed to adjourn Part I of the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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Kathleen A. Whitton
Secretary to the Executive Director

Date: _____