The meeting was called to order by Chairman H. Robert Tillman, who then read the Open Public Meeting Act.

The roll was called by Executive Director John Ross. Attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS

H. Robert Tillman, Director, Department of Banking & Insurance
Greg Romano, Department of Agriculture
Peter D. Wint, Special Assistant to the Attorney General
John Flynn, Department of Environmental Protection
Candace McKee Ashmun, New Jersey Pinelands Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donald McCauley, Public Member
John J. Tarditi, Jr., Public Member

OTHER OFFICIALS

John T. Ross, Executive Director, Pinelands Development Credit Bank
Helene Chudzik, Deputy Attorney General
John Stokes, Executive Director, New Jersey Pinelands Commission
John LaMacchia, Systems Manager, New Jersey Pinelands Commission

Motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2003 was made by Candace Ashmun, and seconded by John Flynn. All were in favor.

Chairman Tillman introduced John Stokes, of the Pinelands Commission, who gave the Board an overview of the Toms River Protection Plan.

Mr. Stokes outlined current zoning and land conditions which indicate that if current conditions remain the same, environmentally sensitive lands could be severely threatened. Mr. Stokes went on to describe proposed changes to zoning and partial land acquisition that, if approved, would provide significant protection to this area. Mr. Stokes stated that the Pinelands Commission has been working with the municipalities, and with the Department of Environmental Protection, towards achieving these goals.
Mr. LaMacchia gave the Board an update on the Information Management System Project. He said that, during the summer, the Use Case Workshops were completed, and provided information that will greatly improve the final product. He said that the information generated by the Use Case Workshops will now be incorporated into the software, and after some testing, that data can start being added to the system.

Mr. Ross updated the Board on current Bank activity; sales, sales prices, and areas protected. He stated that sales prices are still rising, and should encourage more participation from sellers.

The Board set the 2004 Meeting Schedule for January 8th, May 13th, and October 14th.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Ross  
Executive Director