

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2010

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (7) Blanco, Butch, Kau, Kuczinski, Morelli, Schloss (7:40 pm), Siedman

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Denardo, Romano

Public Comment

No public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Kau with a second offered by Ms. Morelli to approve the November 19, 2009, minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes (4) Kau, Morelli, Butch, Siedman

Nays (0)

Reorganization

- Ms. Butch announced the following Council appointments listed on Resolution 10-22:
 - Pat Butch appointed to seat number 1 for a 3-year term commencing 1/1/10 and ending 12/31/12.
 - Anthony Romano appointed to seat number 2 for a 3-year term commencing 1/1/10 and ending 12/31/12.
 - Michael Kuczinski appointed as the Township Committee Member for a one-year term commencing 1/1/10 and ending 12/31/10.
 - Manuel Blanco appointed as Planning Board Liaison for a 3-year term commencing 1/1/10 and ending 12/31/12.
 - Christopher Kau appointed to seat number 7 to fulfill the unexpired term of Anthony Alves, term ending 12/31/10.
- Mr. Thomas Dancer, a new member of the Agricultural Advisory Council, has been appointed as the representative to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board (MCADB) on Resolution 10-27; Ms. Butch would like Mr. Asprocolas to be named as an alternate to Mr. Dancer; attendance at the MCADB meetings impacts the amount of money the Township receives from the County for land preservations; Ms. Butch will follow-up regarding a resolution naming Mr. Asprocolas as alternate.
- Mr. Kuczinski made a motion to nominate Ms. Butch as Chairperson with a second offered by Ms. Morelli. Ms. Butch accepted the nomination. Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes (6) Kuczinski, Morelli, Blanco, Butch, Kau, Siedman
 - Nays (0)Ms. Butch thanked the Council for their hard work over the past year and for their vote of confidence in her leadership.
- Mr. Kuczinski made a motion to nominate Ms. Siedman as Vice Chairperson with a second offered by Ms. Morelli. Ms. Siedman accepted the nomination. Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes (6) Kuczinski, Morelli, Blanco, Butch, Kau, Siedman
 - Nays (0)

- Ms. Morelli made a motion to adopt the 2010 schedule of meetings with a second was offered by Mr. Kau; Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes (7) Morelli, Kau, Blanco, Butch, Kuczinski, Schloss, Siedman
 - Nays (0)

January 28, 2010	July 22, 2010
February 25, 2010	August 26, 2010
March 25, 2010	September 23, 2010
April 22, 2010	October 28, 2010
May 27, 2010	November 18, 2010
June 24, 2010	December 16, 2010
	January 27, 2011

- Mr. Kau made a motion to adopt the Asbury Park Press and the Messenger Press as the official Council newspapers; a second was offered by Ms. Morelli; Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes (7) Kau, Morelli, Blanco, Butch, Kuczinski, Schloss, Siedman
 - Nays (0)

- The subcommittee assignments were discussed and updated as noted in the attachment; A motion was made by Mr. Kuczinski to approve the subcommittee assignments with a second offered by Ms. Siedman; Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes (7) Kuczinski, Siedman, Blanco, Butch, Kau, Morelli, Schloss
 - Nays (0)

Correspondence

- ***New Jersey State Legislature (12th District)***, dated 1/6/10, re: response to letters sent to the legislatures regarding lame duck legislation:
 - The Forest Stewardship Bill (A3239/S713) was signed by former Governor Corzine on his last day in office.
 - A1690, motor vehicles passing horses, ponies and mules, was not signed.
 - The Secretary will research the status of the ORV Bill (A823/S2055).

- ***Monmouth County Roundtable*** will be held on Wednesday, February 10th.

Old Business

- ***Trails***
 - **Industrial Park:** Nothing new to report.

- ***Trail Grant Work***
 - Ms. Butch will contact Mr. Morelli to acquire supplier information and will order trail signage.
 - Mr. Gann is clearing a section of trail off Baird Road.
 - The Fairplay Road trail needs to be surveyed and marked at the end where it turns into a field; this will provide another entrance to the County Park.

- ***Farm Leases on Township-owned Open Space***
 - An advertisement has been placed in the newspaper announcing that the lease bid packages are available from the Municipal Clerk.
 - Information will be posted on the Ag Council website regarding the availability of the lease packages and a message will be placed on the Open Space website referencing the Ag Council website for information.

- ***Capital to the Coast Bike Trail:*** Nothing new to report.

- **Hand-held GPS for Stewardship:** Nothing new to report.

New Business

Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites**
 - The Scenic Byways Committee and the Historic Commission are working with the County and the State to plan a route through Millstone; currently there are no signs denoting scenic or historic sites in the Township; this event may be used to raise funds to purchase plaques.
- **Clambake 2010**
 - Discussion deferred due to Mr. Denardo's absence; the Secretary will contact Mr. Denardo regarding potential dates for the event.
- **Millstone Day 2010**
 - The Secretary submitted applications for both OSFP and the Ag Councils.
 - The Secretary emailed permit application and carnival ride information to Ms. Siedman and Mr. Denardo.
 - Ms. Siedman discussed the mechanical bull with Mr. Denardo however no additional information was available for the meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Finance/Open Space Trust**
 - The Township will be receiving \$500K from the Green Acres program within the next 2 or 3 months; the funds have been allocated by the legislature and approved by the Governor to be disbursed; paperwork needs to be completed and submitted to the State, including the updated ROSI which must be recorded at the County.
 - The State referendum that was passed in November 2009 hasn't been allocated yet; the amount that will be allocated is not known at this time; Ms. Butch expects the funds to be received sometime in 2011.
- **Preservation Signage**
 - The Secretary will send letters to the property owners of preserved farms to explain the process of acquiring the sign from the State and to offer assistance with the application process.
- **Public Relations/Publications:** Deferred to executive session due to potential content.
 - Ms. Schloss made a motion to allocate operating budget funds for 3 newsletters for the year with a vote to be taken prior to the preparation of each publication regarding having sufficient content for printing and distribution; a second was offered by Ms. Siedman. Roll Call vote: Ayes (7) Schloss, Siedman, Blanco, Butch, Kau, Kuczinski, Morelli Nays (0)
- **Legislative Awareness – Lame Duck Session**
 - Discussed under Correspondence.
- **Stewardship**
 - **Wagner Park Loop and Orchards North on Perrineville Road:** Manny and a college student (who needed to complete community service hours for school) took pictures of these two open space areas; there were no issues with the exception of having to use the roadway on Baird Road to cross over the stream; there is evidence that a bridge had existed on the

- **Shield Road:** Ms. Butch and Ms. Maher will be photographing when the weather becomes warmer; Ms. Butch is aware of issues on the site.
- **Wildlife Corridor on Agress:** Ms. Siedman and Mr. Kau will document.
- **Watershed Committee Liaison:** Ms. Schloss has not been contacted; nothing to report.
- **Recreation Planning Committee:** Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month; Ms. Butch plans to attend the February meeting.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications**
 - *Shelly's School for Dogs* was approved at the January 27th Board of Adjustment meeting; the language for the farming, trail and conservation easements needs to be finalized.
 - *232 Millstone Road, LLC/353 Sweetmans Lane, LLC:* the application was heard in part at the January 27th Board of Adjustment meeting and will be carried to the February meeting due to issues with the noticing; there is a concern regarding the farmland restriction that was placed on Block 39.01, Lot 7, by the Township in the early 1980s; the BoA application calls for a retention basin with a depth ranging from 15 feet to 19 feet deep on Lot 7; Council members agreed to send a letter to the BoA stating concerns regarding the use of the farmland restricted area for a non-farming use.

At 8:28 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Schloss with a second offered by Ms. Siedman and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:36 pm, the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blanco with a second offered by Mr. Kau and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher

**Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council
2010 Committees**

Finance

Mike Kuczinski

Fundraising Events

Clambake: Charlie Denardo

House Tour: Kristin Schloss

Millstone Day: Merrill Siedman &
Charlie Denardo

Fundraising – General

Pat Butch

Mike Kuczinski

Diane Morelli

Tony Romano

Grant Writing

Pat Butch

Kristin Schloss

Land Acquisition

Pat Butch

Diane Morelli

Kristin Schloss

Legislative Awareness

Tony Romano

**Monmouth County Agriculture
Development Board**

Tom Dancer (Ag Council)

George Asprocolas, Alternate

OSFP Inventory, Stewardship & Management

Manny Blanco

Pat Butch

Chris Kau

Merrill Siedman

PIG Representative

Pat Butch

Chris Kau

Planning Board/BoA Application Review

Manny Blanco

Pat Butch

Preservation Signage

Tony Romano

Public Relations/Publications/Education

Diane Morelli

Kristin Schloss

Merrill Siedman

Recreation Planning Ad-hoc Committee

Pat Butch

Tax Register Review

Mike Kuczinski

Watershed Committee Representative

Kristin Schloss