

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 15, 2012**

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

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (8) Blanco, Butch, Denardo, Kau, Marra, Morelli, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Kuczinski, Romano

**Public Comment Session:** Opened and closed at 7:41 pm; No public in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council members reviewed clarifications to the previously distributed September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. A Motion to approve the September 27, 2012, minutes with changes was made by Mr. Blanco with a Second offered by Mr. Marra. Roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Blanco, Marra, Butch, Morelli, Siedman

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business**

- **Trails:** Nothing new to report on the following trails:
  - *Industrial Park*
  - *White Birch Trail Grant*
  - *Doctor's Creek Trail Grant*

**New Business**

- **Terms expiring on 12/31/12:** Mr. Asprocolas, Mr. Blanco, Ms. Butch, Mr. Kuczinski and Mr. Romano have terms that expire this year. The Township Committee Liaison is always on a one-year term; Mr. Blanco agreed to another term; Mr. Asprocolas and Mr. Romano were not in attendance.
- **Tentative meeting schedule for 2013:** Council members reviewed the tentative meeting schedule for 2013. A Motion to accept the 2013 meeting schedule was offered by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Ms. Morelli and all in favor.

**Events**

- **17<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally:** March 9, 2013, at NJ Institute of Technology in Newark. Details regarding workshops are not yet available. The Secretary will forward additional information as it becomes available. Council members interested in attending the rally should notify the Council Secretary.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The 2012 Open Space Trust activity through September was distributed for review; discussion was tabled due to Mr. Kuczinski's absence.

**Public Relations/Publications:** The next issue of the newsletter may only be two pages and will be distributed after the holidays. Ms. Schloss will schedule a meeting with the

Trapani's regarding an article about local honey production. The Agricultural Advisory Council will be asked to contribute information or suggestions for articles.

**Legislative Awareness**

- Winery Bill: The bill was passed which permits the direct shipment of wine to New Jersey customers; this is good news for New Jersey wineries.
- Minimum wage: This is a big issue for the agriculture business because the ag industry does not have flexibility with setting prices; the business is commodity driven. This bill incorporates automatic wage increases each year and does not take into consideration labor housing provided by farmers. The Farm Bureau is working with sponsors of the bill to iron out issues and make the bill more ag friendly.

**Stewardship/Monitoring:** Mr. Siedman has one assignment and will recruit assistance from Council members via email.

**Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** Perl Acres South will be coming back to the Planning Board to request an extension of time. The garden center on Burnt Tavern Road will be coming back to the Planning Board with modified plans.

At 7:50 pm a Motion was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Mr. Kau and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 8:21 pm the Council returned to regular session. If there is no new and pressing business, the December meeting will be cancelled. A determination regarding cancelling the meeting will be made one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Ms. Morelli and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher  
Council Secretary