

WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Department of Land Preservation

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AGENDA

November 18, 2010

7:30 PM

In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting has been given by forwarding a notice of the date, time and location of the meeting to the Warren County Clerk, THE DAILY RECORD, THE STAR LEDGER, and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the hall of the Warren County Courthouse and the Department of Land Preservation. In order to assure full public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should submit any requests for special accommodations one week in advance of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Meeting of October 21, 2010
Executive Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2010

Public Input: Non-Agenda Items

Correspondence:

- Star-ledger publication of Raub Matter

Old Business:

- Smith/Rasa Farm
- Raub Update
- Van Vugt/Plainview Growers update

New Business:

- Determination of Commercial Farm - Slack Farms
- Resolution #10-14 - Requesting SADC to Honor Exceptions on Early Farmland Preservation Easement
- 2010 Annual Report - Farmland Section

Administrator's Report

Public Input

Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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**Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting was held at the office of the Department of Land Preservation, 500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, Oxford, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schnetzer at 7:33 p.m. An announcement was read as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21. Chairman Schnetzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Lou Baduini, George Baldwin, Frank Gibbs, Joe Gourniak, Sam Race, Mike Toretta, Joel Schnetzer

Members absent: none

Others present: R. Resker, T. Kaminski, S. Beall, Staff; Michael Lavery, Special County Counsel, David Slack, John H. Slack, Pohatcong Township; Gary Pohorely, SADC; Joel McGreen, Blairstown

Minutes of the regular session meeting held on October 21, 2010 were approved on a motion by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mr. Baduini. Mr. Baldwin abstained. Motion carries.

Executive Minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2010 were approved on a motion by Mr. Race and seconded by Mr. Baduini. Mr. Baldwin abstained. Motion carries.

Public Input (Non-agenda Items): None

Correspondence: Noted

Old Business

Rasa/Smith Update – Still waiting for the amended ACO from NJ DEP.

Raub Update – Mr. Resker advised the Board that everything is still set to have the hearing at the December CADB regular meeting and that a SADC representative will be in attendance.

Van Vugt/Plain View Growers Update – Mr. Resker informed the Board that he visited the property and spoke to Mr. Van Vugt. Mr. Van Vugt is not violating the deed of easement because he is using his own grass and incoming grass to only heat the green houses and for his agriculture operation. No pellets are being sold off that farm. A second location in Pompton Lakes will be made available to the public for pellet purchase was not specifically stated in the NJFB article.

New Business

Slack Farms (John H. Slack, Pohatcong Township)

On a motion by Mr. Toretta and seconded by Mr. Baduini, the motion carried to determine Slack Farms, John H. Slack, owner, of Pohatcong Township, as a Commercial Farm based on the documents provided meeting the criteria.

David Slack spoke on behalf of his father and stated that they had an informal hearing on Tuesday, November 9th with the Pohatcong Township Land Use Board and even though the Board members agreed to allow him to construct his pole barn and waive part of the fee, Mr. Aaroe, the attorney for the Board didn't allow them to vote on it because he said that the CADB didn't have jurisdiction over this matter and RTF statutes didn't apply. The pole barn is 3,000 square foot which is over the allowed building size and would require a variance.

Resolution #10-14 – Requesting SADC to Honor Exceptions on Early Farmland Preservation Easements – On a motion by Mr. Baduini and seconded by Mr. Baldwin, the motion carried to approve the resolution with the changes suggested by Mr. Race. Mr. Race would like the word “that” taken out of the last paragraph and et. Seq. added after the citation in the second paragraph.

2010 Annual Report – Chairman Schnetzer would like the Report to represent the outstanding farms that have not received cost-share from the SADC listed on it which includes the Wattles Property, Schanzlin Property and the Smith/Rasa Farm. On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Gibbs, the motion carries to reference the outstanding properties as stated by Mr. Schnetzer on the 2010 Annual Report that will be presented to the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their November 23 meeting.

Public Comment:

Silverside Farm – Gary Pohorely, SADC asked the Board to provide a name of a farmer to farm Mrs. Silversides property in Frelinghuysen Township. Mr. Pohorely did the inspection last week and found the hay fields to have multi-flora rose, milkweed and raspberry plants mixed in with the hay. Board suggested that Mr. Pohorely talk to the current farmer about the state of the farm and fields.

Blairstown PIG – Mr. Joel McGreen representing Blairstown Township came to the Board asking why part of preserved farms and land were not in the County's ADA. Mr. Resker stated that the plan was changed when Greenwich petitioned the Board to get more of their land in the ADA and Mr. Resker was trying to keep the required less than 90% criteria required by the SADC but with the Greenwich change the County is over the 90% now. Mr. Pohorely suggested that Mr. McGreen talk to Mr. Tim Brill.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Resker briefly went over the important matters on the report.

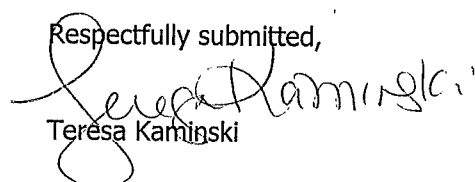
Solar Generating Rules are going to public hearing.

Sigler farm, Franklin Twp., is a bit of a problem with excavation. Santini farm, Franklin Twp., needs a lot line adjustment.

SADC gave the greenlight on Martin and Wohlers applications.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Toretta, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Chairman Schnetzer adjourned the meeting 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Teresa Kaminski