

MINUTES OF THE JOINT FRANKLIN BOROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD JULY 8, 2010

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Hardyston Township Chairman Carl Miller.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Chairman Miller read aloud the following *Statement of Compliance*:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1965, adequate notice as defined in Section 3D of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 has been made to the New Jersey Herald and is posted on the bulletin board at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building and the Franklin Borough Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Franklin Borough

Mayor Paul Crowley	Present
Suzanne Weeks	Present
Steve Zydon	Present
Donna Miller	Excused
John Postas	Excused
Mark Franco	Present
Judy Williams	Present
Senator Steve Oro	Excused
Chairman Renee Smith	Present

Hardyston Township

Stanley Kula	Present
Terry Johnson	Present
Ken Kievit	Present
Carl Miller	Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Kilduff, Franklin Borough Community Development Director and Anne-Marie Wilhelm, Hardyston Township EDAC Secretary

OLD BUSINESS: In the matter of Franklin Borough's suggestion for mutual endorsement of traffic improvements on Rt. 23 South at Hamburg Mountain, Chairman Miller advised that due to safety concerns, Hardyston Township would not endorse said traffic improvements.

In the matter of the Business Appreciation Breakfast, Chairman Miller confirmed that Hardyston Township would not conduct same in the current economic environment.

NEW BUSINESS: Franklin Borough's Mark Franco presented that he has a website dedicated to small business advertising and networking. He explained that local

businesses can join for a fee. He confirmed that he will be working on Franklin Borough's Main Street event.

Mr. Kilduff presented that he attended a stakeholder's meeting in the matter of the viaduct. He stated repairs and the construction of a new interim bridge are targeted for 2011-2012. Mr. Kilduff stated that trucks and school buses will need an alternate route to access Rt. 94.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Miller presented information about a biking/walking trails project that is part of Crystal Spring's amenities development. He stated the developer asked about linking the walking trail to Hardyston Township's park facility and the township agreed to have in-house planner, Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer conduct a feasibility study. Chairman Miller suggested that Franklin Borough consider linkage points as well. He noted that the trail may eventually link Hamburg, Vernon, and Hardyston. Mr. Marco stated a concern about bears on the trail. Judy Williams and Mayor Crowley provided an overview of Franklin Borough's work with the *Rails-to-Trails* project and affirmed their interest in the recreation opportunities trails provide.

Noting other obligations, Mayor Crowley and Mr. Kilduff excused themselves and left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Miller noted that Hardyston Township would be conducting a solar energy forum in the fall or early winter. He provided an overview of the solar installation on the Hardyston municipal building and invited participants to become involved in the HEDAC's energy forum.

There being no further business, Chairman Carl Miller made a motion to close the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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Hardyston Township EDAC Secretary