

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT FRANKLIN BOROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD APRIL 14, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting, held at The Hardyston Township Municipal Building and Police Station Complex, 149 Wheatsworth Road, Suite A, Hardyston, New Jersey 07419, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Miller and the following Statement of Compliance was read.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:** Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, 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:**

**Hardyston Township  
Economic Development  
Advisory Commission**

Stanley Kula – Excused  
Terry Johnson – Present  
Ken Kievit – Excused  
Bill Repasy – Excused  
Carl Miller – Present

**Franklin Borough Economic Development  
Committee**

Judy Williams – Present  
Steve Zydon – Present  
John Postas – Excused  
Senator Steven Oroho – Excused  
Renee Smith – Excused  
Donna Miller – Present  
Suzanne Weeks – Excused  
Mayor Paul Crowley – Excused

**OTHER:** Nick Giordano: Franklin Borough Councilman

**OLD BUSINESS:** Hardyston-Franklin Recreation Trail: Chairman Miller distributed a memo prepared by Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, P.P., dated 4/13/11 regarding *Future Recreation Trails Planning*. Franklin Borough participants indicated that they had not reviewed the subject due to being involved with their Main Street Project. Chairman Miller noted that the memo was an initial step and that Hardyston Township may be interested in doing the project using private and alternative funding sources as well as volunteers. He stated that current economic conditions would impede funding the project out of the municipal budget. Franklin Borough participants agreed that alternative funding would be desirable. Mr. Giordano suggested possible grant sources such as stimulus grants and Homeland Security grants and Franklin Borough participants agreed to look further into the matter. Ms. Williams acknowledged that various Franklin Borough entities might have documents concerning recreation trails on file as well as community contacts with extensive knowledge about the state Rails-to-Trails program. Ms. Williams agreed to provide further information. Participants agreed to carry the discussion to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Participants reviewed business openings and closings in the respective municipalities.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Giordano led a discussion about the possibility of Hardyston Township combining the grammar school with the middle school to allow for commercial development of the Franklin Borough property. Chairman Miller noted that this would not make sense for Hardyston Township in the current economy.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No members of the public addressed the Committee or Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy Williams. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Anne-Marie Wilhelm  
Hardyston Township Land Use Administrator