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MEMORANDUM

To: Plan Conformance Committee
From: Margaret Nordstrom, Executive Director
Subject: Committee Meeting Minutes— January 16, 2015
Date: January 20, 2015

A Plan Conformance Committee meeting was held on Friday, January 16, 2015 at the Highlands office in Chester. Committee Members present via phone: Committee Chair Rilee, Members Vohden, Dressler, Tfank, and Richko.

Staff Members present: Margaret Nordstrom, Andy Davis, Chris Danis, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Annette Tagliareni.

Also present via phone: Tyler Yingling, Assistant Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit.

Ms. Nordstrom reminded the Committee that Council will vote on a checklist approach for Franklin Township (Warren) as noted in the Plan Conformance minutes of November 7, 2014.

Secondly, Ms. Nordstrom announced that Mahwah Township has requested an amendment to their Petition for Plan Conformance. The amendment would designate two Highlands Centers.

Staff Member Maryjude Haddock-Weiler then gave a background of Mahwah Township's Plan Conformance activities leading up to the request to designate two Highlands Centers. Ms. Haddock-Weiler noted that the Highlands Centers encompass 29% of the Township. The two centers are physically separated by the Borough of Ramsey (non-Highlands municipality), and the focus of those centers is for redevelopment and revitalization.

Member Vohden asked why Mahwah Township would designate centers in their Township versus opting out of the planning area. He asked what benefits are available to the township by designating to Highlands Centers. Highlands staff responded that the benefits to the township would be:

- Access to planning \$ and expertise to further municipal goals;
- Customized approach to Highlands Region planning; and
- Land Use Capability Map Zones do not apply; resources continue to be protected.

Chief Counsel Davis asked for a motion to approve staff's recommendation to approve the Township of Mahwah's Amended Petition for Plan Conformance. Member Dressler made a motion, and Committee Chair and Chairman Rilee seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

The Plan Conformance Committee meeting adjourned at 3:26pm.