

**RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-63-12**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
TO LEASE LAND THAT IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin is the owner of lands identified as Block 6805 Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19 on the Tax Assessment Map of Franklin Township: and

WHEREAS, said property is not needed for public use by the Township of Franklin: and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of leasing said property to an individual or individuals interested in utilizing the property as tillable farmland at the Meredith Farms site subject to the highest bid and subject to a minimum bid of \$1,837.50 calculated as seventy five dollars per acre and the satisfaction of all conditions as hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, any farmer who leases the land shall, for the period constituting the 2011 growing season, cultivate the farm in a timely, thorough and farmer-like manner using modern agricultural methods. The farmer will keep farm neat and in an orderly condition and to pay any and all taxes which may be due and owing on the portion of the land so leased and farmed.

WHEREAS, if the Meredith Farms Redevelopment Project moves forward, the farmer will be notified 30 days prior to the redevelopment commencing and his crops must be harvested at that time.

WHEREAS, the farmer who accepts the bid shall also carry a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, general commercial liability insurance which will name the Township of Franklin as an additional insured and will enter into a written farm lease with the township in a form satisfactory to the Township Solicitor and will comply with all State and Federal laws and regulations respecting farming operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that Block 6805 Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19 owned by the Township are not needed for public use at this time and all bids to lease said lands for the 2012 growing season must be received by the Township Clerk prior to 12:00 PM on March 27, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the successful bidder, that being the highest, will be required to pay a deposit at the time of the bid of 10% of their bid, by cash or check; money order, or cashier's check; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the balance of the lease price be paid for the above premises shall be paid to the Township of Franklin by cash or certified check; money order, or cashier's check on or before 12:00 noon April 9, 2012. In the event the successful bidder fails to pay the balance of the lease price within the time specified, the Township Committee reserves the right to cancel the sale and to retain the deposit as liquidated damages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of public lease to be held as provided for in this resolution shall be advertised in the official newspapers of the township.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK

JOSEPH C. PETSCH, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK