

**EAST AMWELL
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2011**

Call to Order:

The July regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Agricultural Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:57p.m. Present were Bill duFosse, Gail Glashoff, Frances Gavigan (Committee Chair), Kit Crisafulli (Vice Chair) and Recording Secretary Christine Rosikiewicz. J. Perehyns was absent.

In Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Christine Rosikiewicz stated that this was a regular meeting, pursuant to the meeting notice published in the March 17, 2011 Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk's office, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times and the Star Ledger. The agenda was posted on the municipal building bulletin board on July 13, 2011.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

B. duFosse made a motion to approve the February 21, 2011 meeting minutes. K. Crisafulli seconded the motion. All were in favor with Gail Glashoff abstaining, the February 21, 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

G. Glashoff made a motion to approve the May 16, 2011 meeting minutes. B. duFosse seconded the motion. All were in favor with Kit Crisafulli abstaining, the May 16, 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee: F. Gavigan updated the committee on the status of the preservation of the Frank Drift property. B. duFosse informed the committee of the status of the preservation of Holcomb Farm. It was also mentioned that Black River Farm is preserving at the County level. The Mezaros property was briefly addressed.

SADC: F. Gavigan opened a discussion on the bill in the Assembly to remove all restrictions on preserved properties for solar and for wind power to be restricted to one turbine per thirty acres. The SADC opposes the bill. The Committee discussed wind turbines on farms in New Jersey and in other states.

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F. Gavigan informed the Committee of several items in relation to agriculture including signage, articles about solar and wind power, possible state legislature regarding storm water, a possible new rule from the EPA regarding interstate air pollution, recent state bills and COAH.

Farm Forum: G. Glashoff provided the Committee with the name of a possible speaker for the Farm Forum who could speak about solar, geothermal and wind power.

The Committee decided to reschedule the Farm Forum from September to October and hold a regular meeting in September.

New Business:

Township Mowing: B. duFosse commented that the embankments were mowed twice this season although there was a delay due to a part that broke on one of the mowers. F. Gavigan advised the Committee that the County has a list of equipment on its website that it will lend to townships; she has made the Township aware of this.

Township Website: F. Gavigan informed the Committee that she would like to put information about the Agricultural Advisory Committee on the Township website; she has addressed this at the Township Committee meeting.

Correspondence:

There were no comments on any correspondence.

Open to the Public:

G. Glashoff made a motion to open to the public; B. duFosse seconded it. As there was no public present G. Glashoff made a motion to close to the public; K. Crisafulli seconded it.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by K. Crisafulli and seconded by B. duFosse, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:32PM.

Christine Rosikiewicz, Recording Secretary