

**EAST AMWELL  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2012**

**Call to Order:**

The May regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Agricultural Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:42p.m. Present were Bill duFosse, Frances Gavigan (Committee Chair), Kit Crisafulli, and Recording Secretary Christine Rosikiewicz. Gail Glashoff and John Perekhynys were 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 January 26, 2012 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 May 16, 2012.

**Announcements:**

F. Gavigan announced that there would be no meeting next month.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**K. Crisafulli made a motion to approve the April 16, 2012 meeting minutes. B. duFosse seconded the motion. All were in favor; the April 16, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.**

**Open to the Public:**

There was no public present.

**Old Business:**

Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee: B. duFosse reported that FOSPC composed a letter to the SADC to encourage guidelines on wind turbines for preserved farms. The SADC responded that a meeting took place and there will be information on this item over the summer.

There was a brief discussion on properties that are in the process of being preserved.

CADB: F. Gavigan attended the meeting. There was a resolution regarding Stonybrook Meadows. The Hay property was approved for preservation.

Planning Board: F. Gavigan reported that J. Perekhynys is not pursuing solar on his farm. Studies on the impact of solar development were discussed at the meeting; the revised

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solar ordinance will not include an impact statement. She briefly went over the Planning Board minutes.

Website: F. Gavigan asked C. Rosikiewicz for information regarding the past AAC website from around seven years ago as Ms. Gavigan would like to add information to the current website. C. Rosikiewicz explained that an independent website was created but then was hacked and rendered unusable before it was rolled out. At that time the Township was creating a new website so the AAC instead had a page on the Township website rather than create another separate one. C. Rosikiewicz will provide F. Gavigan with the information that was on the past website which can be used to reconstruct it.

**Budget:**

The budget was briefly discussed; it was noted that it is in “good shape”. There will not be any AAC meetings in June and December this year.

**New Business:**

Town Hall Meeting: F. Gavigan attended the Town Hall meeting with Governor Christie. She inquired about two items. The first was regarding the DEP permit for the Wertsville Rd. bridge project. She shared the “responsiveness challenge with DEP” with the Governor and his staff. She has since received a follow up e-mail from constituent relations. The second issue was the difficulty farmers have going forward with farmland assessment. She was advised that these issues were passed along to the DEP and the Department of Agriculture. F. Gavigan noted that she spoke as a member of the public at this event and made that clear when she spoke. She added that regarding the bridge on Wertsville Road she asked if the County could be allowed to self-certify that any bridge designs or culverts on County Roads meet the applicable guidelines; this would save tens of thousands of dollars and lots of time.

**Correspondence:**

There was no comment on any correspondence.

**Open to the Public:**

There was no public present.

F. Gavigan asked if the Committee would find it acceptable if she drafted something to put in with the Township tax mailing and circulated it to the Committee via e-mail. Any comments could be directed to the Committee Secretary and copied the Chair.

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**K. Crisafulli made a motion that F. Gavigan draft information to insert in the tax mailings. F. Gavigan encouraged comments from the Committee. The information that would be included in the tax mailing was discussed including the website and filing for farmland assessment and woodlot inspections. This draft would be circulated to the Committee and Committee Members would respond to the Secretary with comments. B. duFosse seconded the motion.**

**Adjournment:**

**K. Crisafulli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; B. duFosse seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.**

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Christine Rosikiewicz, Recording Secretary