

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2010**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Richard Ginman	Vice Chair
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historic Preservation Liaison
	Bill duFosse	Committee Member and Agricultural Advisory Liaison
	Fred Gardner	Alternate I and Planning Board Liaison
	Joan Sank	Alternate II

Liaisons

Present	Pat Cregar	Township Committee-Mayor Designee
	Angelo Lovisa	Recreation Committee
	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission

Others

Present:	Judy Conard	Administrator
	Martha Pittore	Secretary

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH** the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a Re-organization Meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 14, 2009 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On January 6, 2010 notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk's Office, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the agenda was posted on the bulletin board.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING:** Judy Conard chaired the Re-organization meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

**Election of Chair:** Dick Ginman moved to nominate Glorianne Robbi for Chair. Second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried unanimously.

**Election of Vice-Chair:** Pat Cregar moved to nominate Dick Ginman for Vice-Chair. Second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve date for regular meetings as second Monday of each month in 2010:** Dick Ginman moved to keep the date of the regular meetings, if needed, on the second Monday of each month. Second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

**Approve Hunterdon County Democrat as place for publication of legal notices for 2010:** FOSPC approved the Hunterdon County Democrat for publication of notices for 2010.

Motion made and carried to end Reorganization meeting

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chair, Glorianne Robbi at 7:45 pm.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Motion was made by Dick Ginman to open the meeting to the public, second by Kat Cannelongo. No public members were in attendance. Motion to close to the public was made by Dick Ginman, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motions carried.

**MINUTES OF MEETING December 14, 2009:** Motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the minutes, as written, second by Kat Cannelongo and carried.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

Motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the bills as listed on the agenda, second by Kat Cannelongo and carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

New Business: Goals 2010	Glorianne Robbi
Old Business: Solicitation of Targeted Farms	Dick Ginman
Kohane	Glorianne Robbi

**ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** In addition to the written report, Judy Conard added:

- Scibilia: The SADC has requested some minor changes to the lot line change map. Judy will continue to work with Surveyor, David Newton.
- Zuegners: Tom DiBianca, attorney for the Zuegners is requesting a letter of assurance from the Township Committee stating the certified market value will be paid even if the County sends an option letter at a lower price. FOSPC will present the issues concerning the contract, appraisal and letter of assurance for Township Committee review at the next Township Committee meeting.
- Gutowski/Paulson: Catherine Drake at Green Acres has advised Judy that the Preliminary Assessment Report prepared by Boucher and James has been accepted by Green Acres. Judy stated she will inform Bill Rawlyk.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Review of revised 2010 budget:** Judy stated the revisions were made to the Capital Budget and submitted to CFO Jane Luhrs on December 16, 2009. FOSPC discussed the 2010 budget in detail. It was noted the current approved SADC grant is not sufficient to fund both the Zuegner and Thompson projects. Judy stated the Thompson parcel would most likely not close in 2010. It is hoped that this parcel would be funded by an additional grant from SADC. This new grant would be from monies approved by the voters in 2009 as a result of the ballot question requesting continued funding for Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Historic Preservation. Judy stated that after voter approval the Governor must authorize the bond issue to fund the program. Until this step is taken, no monies are available. (See additional remarks under Reports below).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Kohane:** Glorianne Robbi asked the Recreation Committee about their needs for playing fields. The Kohane property was considered for this purpose some time ago. FOSPC received one appraisal, and performed a site walk, which deemed the site extremely wet in areas. Although Mr. Kohane requested a price too high to be considered at the time, his heirs may now consider a more equitable price. Angelo Lovisa stated he will bring the matter up at the next Recreation Committee.
- **Solicitation of Targeted Farms:** Glorianne Robbi stated letters were sent on November 30, 2009 to prioritized parcels targeted for land preservation. FOSPC reviewed the list and will update the map.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Goals 2010:** Glorianne Robbi asked for volunteers for the annual report normally sent out with the tax bill in July. Kat Cannelongo volunteered to work on the report.

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Planning Board:** Fred Gardner reported as follows:

- Planning Board reviewed set-back requirements for accessory building on Van Lieus Road.
- Planning Board Goals and priorities were discussed.

**Agricultural Advisory Board:** No report was made.

**Environmental Committee:** No report was made.

**Recreation Committee:** Angelo Lovisa stated schedule of events for upcoming year was discussed.

**Historical Committee:** Kat Cannelongo reported as follows:

- Work continues on resubmitting application for grant on the Clawson House.
- Work continues on pictorial history project.

## **REPORTS:**

- **Meeting of January 6. Rynearson driveway:** Judy presented a summary of the meeting held on January 6<sup>th</sup> with all concerned parties. (Refer to Memo prepared by Judy Conard to Helen Rynearson). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss requirements for a driveway permit for property on Dunkard Church Road. Engineer, Dennis O'Neal and Mr. Sousa from Princeton Hydro indicated their work could be accomplished in a timely manner in order to complete the work quickly. Time is of the essence since funding is due to expire as early as March of 2010.
- **Meeting of January 6: Thompson Farmland Application:** Judy stated that representatives from FOSPC held a meeting with Mr. Thompson and his attorney. FOSPC noted one appraisal has been received per Mr. Thompson's request. Mr. Thompson has now hired his own appraiser for a second appraisal. After this appraisal is received, Mr. Thompson will decide if he would like to move forward with his application. FOSPC agreed to wait for the results of the appraisal.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All items listed under the Agenda noted without further comments.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- CADB meeting on January 14, 2010: Kat Cannelongo will attend
- SADC meeting on January 28, 2010
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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Glorianne Robbi opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made to close to the public by Fred Gardner, second by Dick Ginman. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. by motion of Fred Gardner, second by Kat Cannelongo. Both motions carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Pittore, Secretary  
FOSPC