

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 14, 2010**

Members	Glorianne Robbi Richard Ginman Fred Gardner Bill duFosse'	Chair Vice Chair Committee Member and Planning Board Liaison Alternate 1 and Agricultural Advisory Liaison
Liaisons	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission
Others	Kate Butolph Judy Conard Martha Pittore	Hunterdon Land Trust (arrived 7:45 pm left 8:35 pm) Administrator Secretary

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH** the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a regular meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 21, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On June 9, 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.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Glorianne Robbi opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to close the meeting to the public, second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF MEETING held May 10 2010.** A Motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the minutes as written, second by Glorianne Robbi. Motion carried with Fred Gardner abstaining.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:** Motion made by Dick Ginman to pay bills as listed on the agenda, second by Fred Gardner and carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** In addition to the report Ms. Conard reported as follows:

- Rynearson: Work is progressing on estimates for driveway costs. Judy stated she will follow up with Attorney DiBianca regarding signing of contract. FOSPC noted the funding deadline date is July 1<sup>st</sup>. A meeting will be scheduled with all concerned parties, if necessary.
- Scibilia, Greg and Dena: DeSapio's office continues to work on closing process and is in contact with the title company. Lori MacWilliam may need to obtain a mortgage subordination to satisfy the title company.
- Lanwin Development: Glorianne Robbi stated Bill Rawlyk advises work is progressing.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Discuss Administrators time away from office: FOSPC reviewed and approved Judy Conard's proposed vacation schedule. They agreed to cancel the regular meeting date of July 5, 2010 and reschedule the July meeting date to July 26, 2010.

Plans for FOSPC meeting in August: FOSPC agreed that no meeting will be held in the month of August.

Zelin: Judy stated she received a call from Heritage Consulting regarding their client Mr. Zelin, who is interested in preservation. FOSPC briefly discussed the value of preserving the parcel. No further action is needed from FOSPC unless Heritage Consulting advises that Mr. Zelin would like to discuss preservation with East Amwell.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Comprehensive Farmland Plan:** Glorianne Robbi stated the Comprehensive Farmland Plan has been approved. The Clerk has advised that she has received letters of approval from the Agriculture Advisory Committee and the Planning Board. These will be sent to the SADC as required.

**Electronic copy of Farmland Plan:** Judy stated the cost is approximately \$200 for Banisch to complete this work including color maps. An electronic copy is required for the SADC website. FOSPC recommended that Banisch proceed with compiling the electronic copy.

**Annual report narrative with map:** Glorianne Robbi stated she will contact Kat Cannelongo for narrative draft. Judy and Dick Ginman will work on the map.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Block 27, Lot 33 total 61.7 acres- (Drift) with Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance.** Kate Butolph of Hunterdon Land Trust stated Mr. Drift is interested in preserving this property excluding a non-severable exception area around the buildings. FOSPC discussed the associated costs and the proposed contract between HLTA and Mr. Drift. Judy Conard was asked to contact SADC to determine if funds remaining in SADC grant can be used to cost share on an application that did not originate with the Township.

A Motion was made by Fred Gardner to recommend to the Township Committee that East Amwell agree to cost share with Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance when:

- HLTA has a signed contract with Mr. Drift and two appraisals
- HLTA/Drift contract is reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney
- It is determined that the Township's remaining SADC grant funds can be used in this way

Motion second by Dick Ginman and carried.

**Green Acres Funding Request.** Judy Conard stated the request for additional Green Acres funding is due by the end of June. FOSPC discussed possible properties to include in the funding request. The properties suggested were: Carluccio-Thompson, Roth, Johanson, Zoffinger, Zelin, Meszaros, Lang, Kupczek and Kohane.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

- **Planning Board:** Fred Gardner stated the Comprehensive Farmland Plan was presented by FOSPC, discussed and approved.
- **Ag Advisory:** Bill duFosse' stated the Comprehensive Farmland Plan was presented by FOSPC, discussed and approved.
- **Environmental Commission:** Toni Robbi reported he attended the second Sourland Municipal Alliance meeting. The townships in the Sourland Region were represented, except for Hopewell who has yet to make appointments. The focus is to make edits/changes to the Comprehensive Management Plan issued by Banisch Associates.
- **Recreation Committee:** Judy Conard reported on behalf of Angelo Lovisa: The outdoor movie nights have been scheduled and will be held at the field next to the Municipal Building. No progress has been made on joint project with West Amwell for ball fields.
- **Historic Preservation:** No report was made.

### **REPORTS**

- CADB meeting held May 13, 2010: No report was made.
- SADC meeting held on May 27, 2010: Glorianne Robbi reported as follows: The Governor is likely to approve the needed legislation to fund the open space initiative approved by voters.
- Holland Township received approval of their Farmland Plan.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted as listed on agenda with no further comments

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SADC meeting on June 24, 2010. Approval of East Amwell Comprehensive Farmland Plan will be on the agenda. Glorianne Robbi will attend.
- All other items noted as listed on agenda with no further comments.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Fred Gardner to close to the public with a second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building basement. .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.on a motion by Dick Ginman, second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:  
Martha Pittore  
Secretary