

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 13, 2010**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Richard Ginman	Vice Chair
	Fred Gardner	Committee Member and Planning Board Liaison (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)
	Kat Cannelongo	Member and Historic Preservation Liaison
	Bill duFosse'	Alternate 1 and Agricultural Advisory Liaison
	Joan Sank	Alternate 2

	Liaisons	
Present:	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission

Others

Present:	Martha Pittore	Secretary
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**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 September 8, 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 Kat Cannelongo, to close the meeting to the public, second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF MEETING held July 26, 2010.** A Motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the minutes as written, second by Bill duFosse'. Motion carried. Abstention: Kat Cannelongo

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Unfinished Business-HLTA-Drift:	Glorianne Robbi
New Business: D &R Property	Dick Ginman
Farmland Plan	Glorianne Robbi

**ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** In addition to the report, Glorianne Robbi made the following report.

Rynearson: Mrs. Rynearson continues work with Princeton Hydro on the driveway. This will not impact preservation process. Judy continues to call Attorney DeSapio's office regarding the formal contract.

Scibilia, Greg and Dena: Mr. Scibilia has submitted the required account numbers for the two mortgages to the township clerk.

Zuegner: The application was approved by the CADB at meeting held on September 9, 2010. The application will first proceed to the Freeholders for approval. The Zuegner farm is on the SADC agenda for their meeting in September. (See further remarks under Reports)

Hazel Harrison Trust: Survey revisions were received by CADB and forwarded to surveyor for minor changes. The County awaits revised surveys.

Dick Ginman made the following report:

Lanwin (Cider Mill): Bill Rawlyk is actively pursuing funding. The appraisals have been ordered and the appraisers are aware of the time frame for completion. FOSPC will wait for appraisal results and will continue to work with D&R.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Frank Drift: (See Minutes of Meeting June 14, and July 26, 2010). Dick Ginman stated Hunterdon Land Trust is actively pursuing purchase of development rights on this property. FOSPC previously recommended and the township subsequently discussed cost share of the development rights with Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance. FOSPC discussed HLTA funding sources by means of Federal Ranchland program monies and a Duke Foundation grant.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

D & R property: Dick Ginman stated Bill Rawlyk of D & R inquired as to the Township's interest in participating in acquisition of a property in the Mountain Zone abutting a County Park parcel. FOSPC discussed the acreage and exception area. They deemed the parcel cannot be further subdivided. FOSPC is supportive of the project but will not recommend funding. FOSPC suggested discussing acquisition of the parcel with the County.

Inquiry of Farmland Plan: Dick Ginman stated Mr. Mathews inquired about the source of information found in two charts in Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Farmland Plan. Glorianne and Dick will follow-up with Judy Conard and Jane Luhrs and provide an answer to Mr. Mathews.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

- **Planning Board:** Fred Gardner stated the Barbara Hay application was approved.
- **Ag Advisory:** Bill duFosse' stated he spoke with representatives from State of Pennsylvania regarding tax freeze for property owners of preserved property. The preserved farm land and all buildings are held on the date of preservation, if approved by the State, county, local municipality and school board. The next step is to bring the issue before the Farm Bureau.

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- **Environmental Commission:** Toni Robbi stated the discussion on tree harvesting ordinance continues.
- **Recreation Committee:** Glorianne stated she received a report from Angelo Lovisa. Three film showings have been held. The next event will be the Christmas tree lighting.
- **Historic Preservation:** Kat Cannelongo reported the East Amwell Historical Society has published the History of East Amwell. The official book launch party will be held at Unionville Vineyards on Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 2-5. A book signing will be held at Borders on October 2, 2010. A village walk will be held on October 24, 2010.

### **REPORTS**

Township Committee meeting on September 9: Zuegner Ordinance: Dick Ginman stated the Township Committee held the first reading of Ordinance 10-17 to provide for acquisition of development right easement of property block 17, lot 34 appropriating \$220,000 from Open Space Tax Trust Fund.

Gebhardt & Kiefer work needed for Scibilia: (See remarks under Administrator's Report).

CADB meeting held on September 9, 2010: Final approval Zuegner: (See remarks under Administrator's report).

Glorianne Robbi reported as follows:

- Gary Pohorely, SADC, stated regulations for Solar, Wind and Biomass Energy on farms are in draft form and will be completed sometime next year.
- CADB announced a new policy: the County will hold the deed of easement for properties acquired through not for profit organizations.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted as listed on agenda with no further comments

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CADB meeting on October 14, 2010

SADC meeting on September 23, 2010 in Trenton

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Dick Ginman, second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:  
Martha Pittore  
Secretary