

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 10, 2011**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historic Preservation Liaison
	Bill duFosse'	Alternate 1 and Agricultural Advisory Liaison
	Pat Cregar	Township Committee- Mayors Designee
	Joan Sank	Alternate 2

Liaisons

Present:	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission
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Others

	Martha Pittore	Secretary
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is the re-organization meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 20, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On January 3, 2011 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: Martha Pittore chaired re-organization meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Election of Chair: Dick Ginman moved to nominate Glorianne Robbi for Chair, second by Pat Cregar. No further nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Glorianne Robbi chaired the re-organization meeting as follows:

Election of Vice Chair: Kat Cannelongo moved to nominate Dick Ginman for Vice-Chair, second by Pat Cregar. No further nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve regular meeting date: A motion was made by Dick Ginman to keep the regular meeting date as the second Monday of each month in 2011; second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Hunterdon County Democrat as place for publication of legal notices for 2011: A motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve Hunterdon County Democrat for publication of legal notices for 2011, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING:

Review committee membership and liaison committee members. No changes were made to the existing list.

Review ordinance governing function of FOSPC: Chapter 26-Ordinance establishing the committee. FOSPC held a brief discussion specific to article 26-7 (Powers and duties of Committee):

Item C: Glorianne Robbi stated criteria for preservation of farmland open space is included in the Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan, which was approved by the Planning Board.

Items G: Toni Robbi stated a data base exists of preserved conservation easements.

Item H: Joan Sank stated the Trail Association may be able to assist with monitoring of easements co-jointly with FOSPC and Environmental Commission.

The matter will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: A motion was made by Dick Ginman to open the meeting to the public, second by Kat Cannelongo. No members of the public spoke. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to close the meeting to the public, second by Pat Cregar. Both motions carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING held December 13, 2010. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the minutes, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

A motion made by Dick Ginman to pay bills as listed on the agenda, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Old Business-Drift Farm Block 27, lot 33

Glorianne Robbi

ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: No further report was made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Dippolito Farm and SADC (Block 18, Lot 1): Kat Cannelongo stated a meeting was held with representatives from FOSPC, Township Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Cultural Heritage and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). As a result of a recommendation made by Dan Saunders from SHPO, proposals are being solicited from several historic architects. FOSPC agreed information provided by an historic architect would support the historical significance of the old house. FOSPC requested Kat Cannelongo to contact the landowners to review options available in order to obtain solutions acceptable to all involved parties. FOSPC representatives will seek approval from the

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Township Committee at their next meeting on January 13, 2011. The next SADC meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update Thompson/Cider Mill Farm: (closed with D&R Greenway on December 29, 2010). Dick Ginman stated the cost of acquisition increased to reflect actual survey acreage. As a result D&R Greenway has requested additional funding. FOSPC had previously recommended approval of \$400,000 contribution from Green Acres funding grant. After a brief discussion, Dick Ginman made a motion to amend the original Resolution presented to the Township Committee to increase the amount for the cost share on this project to the remaining balance in the Green Acres grant estimated to be \$443,249, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried unanimously. FOSPC representatives will attend the next Township Committee meeting.

Drift Farm, Block 27, lot 23: Glorianne Robbi distributed a letter dated January 10, 2011, from Kate Buttolph, Land Acquisition Director, Hunterdon Land Trust. Hunterdon Land Trust has funding in place from Duke Foundation and Federal Farm and Ranchland program. Hunterdon Land Trust requests Township participation with a contribution in the amount of \$69,888.50 towards acquisition price. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to support Hunterdon Land Trust in acquisition of Drift property as proposed in letter dated January 10, 2011, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried unanimously. FOSPC representatives will present the matter at the next Township Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preliminary CADB ranking of farms in 2011 round: Glorianne Robbi stated Southwark Farm: Jorgenson applied to the County for farmland preservation and ranks third.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Historic Preservation:** Kat Cannelongo stated the re-organization meeting is January 25, 2011. HPC representatives will attend a Planning Board meeting concerning demolition ordinance on old historic homes.
- **Planning Board:** No report was made.
- **Ag Advisory:** Bill duFosse stated the re-organization meeting is January 17, 2011. Linda Lenox has resigned from the Committee.
- **Environmental Commission:** Toni Robbi stated no meeting was held in December. The re-organization meeting is January 24, 2011.
- **Recreation Committee:** No report was made.

REPORTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CADB meeting on January 13, 2011
SADC meeting January 27, 2011

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion was made by Kat Cannelongo to open the meeting to the public, second by Dick Ginamn. No members of the public spoke. A motion was made by Pat Cregar to close to the public, second Kat Cannelongo and carried unanimously.

The next meeting is Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 by motion of Dick Ginman, second by Kat Cannelongo and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Martha Pittore
Secretary