

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 14, 2011**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Fred Gardner	Committee Member and Planning Bd. Liaison
	Pat Cregar	Township Committee- Mayors Designee
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historic Preservation Liaison

Liaisons

Present:	Christine Rosikiewicz	Recreation Committee: Substituting for Angelo Lovisa
	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission

Alternates

	Bill duFosse	Alternate 1 and Agriculture Advisory Liaison
	Joan Sank	Alternate 2

Others

	Judy Conard	Administrator
	Martha Pittore	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 27, 2011 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On March 9, 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.

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 were present. A motion was made by Fred Gardner to close the meeting to the public, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING held February 14, 2011. FOSPC recommended minor corrections to the minutes. These changes will be incorporated into the original which will be filed and distributed. A motion was made by Fred Gardner to approve the amended minutes, second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

Addition: Bohren & Bohren (revised survey-Zuegner) \$485

A motion made by Dick Ginman to pay bills as listed on the agenda, including the additional bill, second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

New Business: Approval non-severable exception change to include driveway for Zuegner

ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: In addition to Administrators report, Judy Conard made the following report:

- Helen Rynearson: Letter from the DEP providing assurances regarding 50 ft distance from the riparian area was filed with the Hunterdon County Clerk as required by DEP.
- Scibilia: SADC will not accept subordination form submitted by Wells Fargo. Lori MacWilliam continues to work with SADC to satisfy their requirement for an acceptable subordination form provided by Wells Fargo.
- Zuegner: Revised survey to reflect changes to the non-severable exception are complete. Work will continue with Hunterdon Land Trust to obtain extension beyond 3/31/11 closing date required to qualify for Duke Foundation funds.
- Lanwin Development/Thompson Cider Mill Property: D&R Greenway closed with Mr. Thompson in December. Work continues on second closing to provide cost share of funds from various partners to D & R. Ordinance was introduced by Township Committee to use Green Acres funds as East Amwell cost share. D&R continues to work with Green Acres to complete all needed paperwork required to release grant funds.
- Hazel Harrison Trust: Closing package was sent to the State. Small change to survey was requested by SADC. J. Conard will check with B. Millette at CADB to determine if the changes have been made.
- Zoffinger: Jay Watson at D & R will attempt to contact Mr. Zoffinger.
- Drift: Township Committee introduced Ordinance 11-04 for cost share of development easements. The public hearing was held on February 24, 2011. Money will be available on March 24.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Result of FOSPC request to Township Committee on 3/10 for funding one appraisal on Thompson Old York Road property: Kat Cannelongo stated the Township Committee approved funding of one appraisal for property on Old York Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting with Jay Watson and Bill Rawlyk at D&R Greenway to discuss present and future projects. Dick Ginman stated that he, Judy Conard and Fred Gardner attended the meeting with Bill Rawlyk and Jay Watson on February 23, 2011. The following current projects were discussed: Zoffinger, Parsons, Wallin, Johnanson, Carluccio-Thompson. FOSPC discussed Carluccio-Thompson project. D. Ginman stated that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Carluccio prefer an easement sale and not a fee simple sale. Mr. Thompson offered other properties in the area he would consider for easement sales. FOSPC discussed the various parcels. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to recommend appraisals of 3 properties, with caveat that no appraisals will be ordered until Green Acres announces additional grants to East Amwell and D&R Greenway has assurances that Mr. Thompson has a strong desire to sell the easements. Second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Non-Severable Exception-Zuegner: FOSPC reviewed the old and new survey (new non-severable now includes the driveway). A motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the non-severable exception as shown on the new survey map dated March 3, second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Historic Preservation: Kat Cannelongo made the following report:

- A grant application in the amount of \$100,000 has been filed to fund continued work on the exterior of Clawson House.
- Dippolito: SADC approved a two year period in which both residences may exist. The two year period begins when Mr. Dippolito obtains his certificate of occupancy for the new home he intends to build.

Planning Board: Fred Gardner made the following report:

- Discussion was held regarding use of the Dilts house located on Wertsville Rd. and Route 179.
- Neighboring landowners continue to express concern with regard to solar installations.

Ag Advisory: Bill duFosse made the following report:

- The new Chair is Frances Gavigan, and Co-chair is Kit Crisafulli.

Environmental Commission: Toni Robbi made the following report:

- Electronic recycling will be held on 3/26/11 by the County.
- Roadside cleanup will be held in April, pending budget approval.
- Plant exchange will be held on May 14th.

Recreation Committee: Christine Rosikiewicz made the following report:

- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 2nd.
- Two movie nights will be held; one in June and second in July. Dates to be announced.
- Recreation Committee is looking for members.

REPORTS: No further comments were made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **West Amwell Resolution opposing reduction in municipal revenue sharing by County Freeholders of Open Space Tax Levy:** The County reduced the share to municipalities from 15% to 10% in 2011. West Amwell asks that the 15% level be restored. Judy Conard was asked to contact Kevin Richardson for information.
- **List provided by Assessor Busher of open space properties now on the market:** FOSPC briefly reviewed the list as follows:
 - Lang-consider advising Jay Watson at D&R.
 - Pantel-former Gordeuk property – Glorianne Robbi stated she spoke with Maria Andrews who advised preliminary and final approvals will expire on 12/31/12. FOSPC decided a cost analysis may be beneficial and requested Chair, Glorianne Robbi to discuss the matter with Mayor Tatsch.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CADB meeting on March 10 and April 14.
- SADC meeting on March 24 in Trenton.
- Land Rally sponsored by NJ Conservation Foundation is March 19.
- Neshanic River Project meeting will be held on March 16, 2011 from 7:00-9:30p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Glorianne Robbi opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion to close to the public was made by Fred Gardner, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

The next FOSPC meeting is Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by motion of Fred Gardner, second by Dick Ginman and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Martha Pittore, Secretary