

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 11, 2011**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	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
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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 April 6, 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: Dick Ginman opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Pat Cregar to close the meeting to the public, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING held March 14, 2011. A motion was made by Pat Cregar to approve the minutes, second by Glorianne Robbi. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

New Business:

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| • D & R Inquiry-purchase GA property-Rocktown-Mountain Rd- | G. Robbi |
| • M. Tonoff, H. Hartman, J. James property | J. Conard |

Unfinished Business: Thompson property	J. Conard
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ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: In addition to Administrators report, Judy Conard made the following report:

- Helen Rynearson: Stefanie Miller from SADC reviewed the applications and provided a list of recommended changes on both the north and south lots. These changes sent to Mr. DeSapio's office to correct.
- Sue Dziamara, from the Hunterdon County Planning Board Director advised she spoke with Attorney DeSapio and process is moving along.
- Zuegner: Preliminary review completed by SADC. Survey changes requested from Bohren and Bohren. Closing date may be in May.
- Lanwin Development/Thompson Cider Mill Property: Jay Watson at D&R Greenway continues to work on finalizing papers to close with Township. Clerk T. Stahl advised via e-mail that purchase agreement has been signed, which authorized use of Green Acres funds as East Amwell cost share.
- Hazel Harrison Trust: Closing package was sent to the SADC. J. Conard will check with B. Millette.
- Drift: Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance continues to work on Wells Fargo subordination requirement needed before closing can occur.
- Scibilia: SADC will not accept subordination form submitted by Wells Fargo. Attorney Richard Cushing issued a letter to Congressman, Rush Holt and Senator Bob Menendez with a request to contact a Wells Fargo representative to seek a resolution to the problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Thompson Old York Road property: Judy Conard stated the low bid to complete one appraisal was received by Rodriguez. CFP Luhrs has issued a purchase order so that his work can begin. Kate Butolph, from HLTA has been contacted to set up a site walk.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on Annual report map and narrative:** FOSPC reviewed the revised map which is now separated in three Regions, West, North and South. Narrative needs to be written and map will be finalized in June to include additional properties that may be closed in May.
- **Update on Drift Closing:** See comments above in Administrators report.
- **Update on Thompson Cider Mill closing with D&R Greenway:** See comments above in Administrators report.
- **Application to County for East Amwell share of Open Space Trust Funds:** Judy Conard stated the application for East Amwell share of Open Space trust funds is \$24,315.43. After authorizing resolution is passed by the Township Committee at their April meeting, the application will be sent to the County.
- **Update on D&R Projects:** Dick Ginman made the following report:
 - No progress has been made on negotiations between property owners Carluccio-Thompson.
 - All other projects are on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

Southwark Farm/Jorgensen -Block 11, lot 3: A letter from the SADC dated March 31, 2011 was sent to the Township to let us know that an application for sale of easements on this property was made directly to SADC. A motion was made by Pat Cregar that FOSPC send a letter to SADC supporting this application for farmland preservation. Second by Glorianne Robbi. Motion carried. Judy Conard was asked to request a similar letter of support from the Township Committee.

Green Acres Inquiry: Block 31 Lots 1 and 14.01: Glorianne Robbi stated Catherine Drake from Green Acres received an inquiry on Block 31, lots 1 and 14.01. After brief discussion, Glorianne Robbi made a motion to seek additional details from Green Acres in order to make the appropriate referral, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

Block 38, Lot 27.01. Judy Conard stated she received a call from Michelle Tonoff who is interested in donating this property she inherited from her mother. A co-owner cannot be located. J. Conard was asked to contact Catherine Drake at Green Acres.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Historic Preservation: Kat Cannelongo made the following report:

- Work continues with Delaware Township to plot historic sites to include East Amwell in NJ Crossroads project.
- East Amwell Historical Society is holding a program on historic houses on April 17, 2011.

Agriculture Advisory: Bill duFosse stated that an Ag Forum is under discussion. Possible topics include solar use and options now available as a result of the de-regulation of energy delivery and generation.

Environmental Commission: Toni Robbi made the following report:

- Volunteers are still needed for the annual Roadside cleanup.

Recreation Committee: Christine Rosikiewicz made the following report:

- Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 2, 2011.
- Two movie nights will be on June 17 (rain date June 18) and August 5, (rain date August 6).

REPORTS:

Land Rally sponsored by NJ Conservation Foundation (held March 19): Glorianne Robbi stated the representatives of Keep it Green, NJ Audubon and Farm Bureau will campaign to continue to keep interest in preserving farmland and conserving open space.

Meeting of non-profits with Duke Foundation: Glorianne Robbi stated non-profit groups including Raritan Piedmont Wildlife Habitat Partners, Conserve Wildlife, Stoney-Brook Watershed, continue to meeting quarterly to discuss funding and projects.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Copy of County Code Ordinance from Upper Freehold Township in Monmouth

County: FOSPC briefly discussed the policy that will guide decisions to retain the township as a rural community. A motion was made by Pat Cregar to accept Fred Gardner's suggestion issued via email, that FOSPC forward the code to Township Committee and Planning Board with a recommendation that East Amwell adopt a similar statement of policy, second by Glorianne Robbi. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CADB meeting on April 14, 2011.

SADC meeting on April 28, 2011.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dick Ginman opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion to close to the public was made by Pat Cregar, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, May 9, 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 Pat Cregar, second by Glorianne Robbi and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Martha Pittore, Secretary