

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 9, 2011**

Members	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
Present:	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Pat Cregar	Township Committee- Mayors Designee
Liaisons	Christine Rosikiewicz	Recreation Committee
Present:	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission
Alternates	Joan Sank	Alternate 2 (arrived 7:45 p.m.)
Others	Judy Conard	Administrator
Present:	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 May 4, 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: 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 Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING held April 11, 2011. FOSCP recommended minor corrections to the minutes. The changes will be made to the original which will be filed and distributed. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the amended 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:

New Business: Review properties-walking tour with D &R Dick Ginman

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

- Helen Rynearson: Attorney DeSapio's office is working on final title work and other minor issues to meet SADC requirements. J. Conard will follow-up with surveyor, David Netwon for changes required to surveys.
- Scibilia: A conference call was held between Lori MacWilliam, SADC and Wells Fargo to discuss impasse on subordination. The Township Committee will be asked

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- for approval of an additional \$375-\$400 required for an appraisal. J. Conard will follow up with Lori MacWilliam.
- Zuegner: Final corrections to survey were delivered. Closing date may be in May. J. Conard will follow-up with Stefanie Miller.
 - Hazel Harrison Trust: Survey corrections were received and sent to the State for final approval. Bill Millette at CADB asked SADC for authorization to close.
 - Holcombe: Fred Daniels is working with Holcombe family as liaison with SADC in preservation efforts. One appraisal has been sent to the State and the second expected to be delivered by May 13.. Certified value will be available soon.
 - Drift: Hunterdon Land Trust still needs mortgage subordination from Wells Fargo in order to close.
 - Thompson Old York Road property: G. Robbi advised that Kate Butolph at HLT will not order the appraisal authorized by E.Amwell Township Committee until Mr. Thompson signs the contract for sale of the easements to HLT.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss progress on Annual report: Dick Ginman has prepared a draft of the annual report. The map is now separated in three Regions, West, North and South. G. Robbi will contact Kat Cannelongo to work on narrative required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss three properties of interest for Green Acres Open Space in cooperation with D&R Greenway:

Glorianne Robbi stated that she, Dick Ginman and Toni Robbi participated in a site tour of various properties with Jay Watson of D&R. FOSPC discussed the various sites and concluded that priority should be placed on obtaining parcels that could provide parking and access to already preserved lands. Glorianne will contact Mr. Watson and ask him to concentrate on the parcels that meet this criteria.

Possible Audubon walk: Glorianne Robbi distributed an article excerpted from Important Bird Areas of New Jersey printed in the NJ Audubon Society bird book. Site 35 lists Amwell Valley (East Amwell) Grasslands as one of the best remaining examples of agricultural grasslands in the State. Joan Sank suggested that this article be distributed to Township residents to help increase their knowledge of hiking and birding opportunities in East Amwell. FOSPC agreed with this suggestion and is exploring ways to inform the residents about the recognition East Amwell received and the opportunities it presents to Township residents.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Historic Preservation:** No report was made.
- **Planning Board:** No report was made.
- **Ag Advisory:** No report was made.
- **Environmental Committee:** Toni Robbi stated:
 - The Zoning Board of Adjustment will review the Everett solar facility application at the next meeting on May 10, 2011.
 - The plant sale will be held on May 14, 2011 from 9:00 am-12:00 p.m.

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- **Recreation Committee:** Christine Rosikiewicz asked for a list of possible sites for hikes. FOSPC recommended she research the Northern Stony Brook site off Mountain Road.

REPORTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted as listed on the Agenda. No further comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CADB meeting on May 12, 2011.
- SADC meeting on May 26, 2011. Glorianne Robbi will attend.

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 Dick Ginman, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by motion of Pat Cregar, second by Dick Ginman and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Martha Pittore, Secretary