



Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held June 13, 2011

Helen Ryneerson: Final closing package is complete. Closing may occur by the end of June.  
Scibilia: Township Committee approved FOSPC request of \$700 for reimbursement to Scibilia of BOA fee, plus \$375 for appraisal fee. Attorney Cushing will send a letter outlining conditions.

Zuegner: Closing was held on June 3, 2011. FOSPC briefly discussed a question of right of way. J. Conard was advised to contact Attorney DiBianca and advise right of way is not required.

Hazel Harrison Trust: Closing is expected within one month.

Holcombe: Certified values were discussed at the SADC meeting on May 26. FOSPC awaits formal decision.

Southwark Farm: Jorgensen: Owners filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. HLT will continue with application process.

Drift: Hunterdon Land Trust still needs mortgage subordination from Wells Fargo in order to close. HLT has indicated if subordination is not received or mortgage paid off, their funding will be redirected.

Thompson Old York Road property: Glorianne Robbi advised that Kate Butolph at HLT will meet with Mr. Thompson on June 14, 2011. HLT is working on contract for purchase of the easements.

Lanwin Development/Cider Mill: J. Conard will check with Jay Watson at D&R regarding status of "second closing".

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Narrative for Annual Report titled An Emphasis on Preservation**: Glorianne Robbi stated Kat Cannelongo prepared the narrative for the annual report. Judy Conard stated the Zuegner property is included on the map.

**Recreation Committee request for Maps**: Glorianne Robbi stated in response to request for list of sites for hikes, she forwarded nature guide maps received from D&R Greenway to C. Rosikiewicz. Joan Sank recommended the Recreation Committee contact Gael Gardner at AVTA, who expressed an interest in leading a hike.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Plimpton, Block 38, Lot 3: Dick Ginman stated he spoke with Kevin Richardson, County Administrator, who indicated possible interest in this site since the County is interested in additional frontage and improved parking at Hunterdon County Preserve site. FOSPC discussed the site and reviewed the map. A Motion was made by Glorianne Robbi that FOSPC pursue this project with the County Administrator, Kevin Richardson, second Fred Gardner. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Black River & Western unused rail line discussion. Dick Ginman stated Pam Thier at Green Acres advised she is speaking with the owner to use the trails along an unused portion of rail line, which runs through East Amwell. FOSPC discussed briefly. They agreed this may provide a recreational opportunity for the community. Dick Ginman will provide FOSPC with update.

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Properties of interest for future preservation: FOSPC discussed properties identified previously from the target list and other properties. FOSPC will continue to research possible sites for consideration.

Report on June 9 Township Committee meeting re: Scibilia: See Administrator's report above.

Discuss Judy Conard vacation schedule for July and August. Judy Conard stated she will be away for both the July 11 and August 8 meetings. FOSPC decided to hold the July 11, 2011 meeting, but cancel the August 8, 2011 meeting. J. Conard will issue notices.

PL A3992: Bill revises standards for wind generation facilities on preserved farms. FOSPC discussed the summary provided by SADC and testimony of Agriculture Secretary, Doug Fisher. FOSPC discussed the bill and impact of large utility scale wind generation on preserved farmland, unrelated to farming. FOSPC asked Fred Gardner to draft a letter for Township Committee review. A motion was made by Glorianne Robbi that Township Committee communicate with current and future legislature.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **Historic Preservation:** Kat Cannelongo stated a partial grant has been approved for the Clawson House. The Historical Society is working with the Fire Company on an event "Fires of East Amwell.
- **Planning Board:** Fred Gardner stated tree harvesting ordinance is complete.
- **Ag Advisory:** Bill duFosse stated topics for next forum are under discussion. Kat Cannelongo suggested a forum held jointly with FOSPC and various non-profits.
- **Environmental Committee:** Toni Robbi stated the Environmental Committee newsletter will not be issued due to budgetary constraints. An informational insert will be sent out with the Tax Bill.
- **Recreation Committee:** Christine Rosikiewicz stated the next movie night is Friday, July 17, 2011. Next movie night is tentative date of August 4, 2011. Hike is planned for the fall.

**REPORTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Conservation Resources: FOSPC reviewed letter dated Jun 1, 2011 offering various services for farmland and open space preservation. Judy Conard will draft a letter and invite President, Michael Catania to FOSPC meetings. All other correspondence noted as listed on agenda- no further comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CADB meeting on June 9, 2011.

SADC meeting on June 23, 2011.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No members of public present

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

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by motion of Glorianne Robbi, second by Fred Gardner and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:  
Martha Pittore, Secretary