

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

Members	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
Present:	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historic Preservation Liaison
	Pat Cregar	Township Committee-Mayors Designee
Alternates	Bill duFosse'	Alternate 1-Ag Advisory Liaison
	Joan Sank	Alternate 2
Liaisons Present	Christine Rosikiewicz	Recreation Committee Liaison
	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission Liaison
Others Present	Judy Conard	Administrator

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 October 5, 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: Chair, Robbi opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Kat Cannelongo to close the meeting to the public, second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING held September 12, 2011. A motion was made by Pat Cregar to approve the minutes, second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Add under Old Business: Discussion with D&R Greenway to hold event to celebrate acquisition of the Thompson Cider Mill Property.

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

- Lang Property: Judy was in touch with our contact at Green Acres, Pam Thier to discuss need for pre-appraisal meeting before proceeding with Lang appraisal. The Green Acres pre-appraisal form was submitted on October 3 and we await response from Ms. Thier. It is

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- hoped that no in-person meeting with the appraiser will be required because appraisal request is standard. Judy has asked four appraisers for quotes so work can be awarded as soon as Green Acres gives approval. Judy was asked to make sure Mr. Pease at D&R Greenway is informed of progress toward the appraisal.
- Plimpton Property: No response from the Freeholders has been received to the letter dated July 22, 2011 signed by Deputy Mayor, Cregar advising this property is available and would be a great addition to Hunterdon County Sourland Preserve. Pat Cregar agreed to contact the Freeholders to ask if the letter was received.
 - Deadline for farmland preservation applications is October 19. Judy discussed Block 21, Lot 16.03. This property is 24 acres and falls below 25 acre minimum for eligibility, however the property is contiguous to much preserved land and would add to that block. It is also under the CADB minimum but they have agreed to consider the application. Motion made by Dick Ginman to submit application for Block 21 Lot 16.03 to CADB to see if it is accepted. Second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried. Judy will follow up with landowner to complete the application.
 - The annual Municipal Planning Incentive Grant application is due to SADC by December 15. Judy has completed the pencil copy. Only major change is to bring the Targeted Farms list up to date. Judy will include the new list in the packet for the November FOSPC meeting.
 - Block 3 Lot 5 Judy was asked to contact Heidi Winzinger at SADC about possible direct acquisition of this parcel.
 - County In-House Attorney: Kat Cannelongo noted the article in the Democrat announcing the County now has an in-house attorney. Judy was asked to discuss this change at the next meeting with CADB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Open Space Forum on October 26. Judy and Dick attended the Recreation Committee meeting on October 6. The Forum was discussed. Committee member Mike Gum agreed to speak on behalf of the committee. Christine Rosikiewicz's schedule will likely prevent her attendance but she will come if she can.

Christine outlined the procedure to have flyers announcing the Forum sent home to residents through the school. Judy will prepare the needed flyers and Christine will deliver them for distribution.

Joan Sank reported the results of her contacts with other speakers.

The sub-committee will meet on October 12 to develop the final agenda and assignments for the Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Toni Robbi reported that he discussed trail building with Alan Hershey of the NJ Trail Association. Current projects will keep the trail building team busy until year end. The group has no project for 2012 and would consider trail proposals for Northern Stony Brook Preserve. Dick Ginman and Toni Robbi agreed to work on a proposal for a trail in that location.
- Glorianne reported that she spoke to the owner of Block 40 Lot 33 and learned that no contact was made with the owner by Bill Rawlyk to share the FOSPC appraisal dated November 17, 2010.

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- Glorianne contacted Linda Mead at D&R Greenway to discuss an event to celebrate the acquisition of the Cider Mill Road property. D&R Greenway will plan the event and members of FOSPC were asked to think about those who should be invited.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Historic Preservation:** Kat Cannelongo stated the Barn Tour is cancelled due to scheduling problems. Work continues on the Clawson House to plan exterior work made possible by the grant the committee received. Historic Preservation will review the plans for new home construction on the Dipolito property.
- **Planning Board:** No report
- **Ag Advisory:** Bill duFosse' stated the Ag Forum will be held on October 17, 2011. Emergency preparedness is the topic. Rowe Electric and others will speak.
- **Environmental Commission:** Toni Robbi stated that Chair of the committee, Suzanne Parsons will resign at year end. She has done a great job and will be missed.
- **Recreation Committee:** Christine Rosikiewicz stated movie nights were a success. The Tree Lighting will be held on December 10.

REPORTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence noted as listed on agenda with no further comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements noted as listed on agenda with no further comments.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by motion of Dick Ginman second by Kat Cannelongo and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Judy Conard, Administrator