

AGENDA
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Farmland Preservation and Open Space Committee
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012
7:30 p.m. East Amwell Municipal Building

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. OPEN MEETING NOTICE

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is the **re-organization meeting** pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 22, 2011 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On January 4, 2012 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.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

- Nominations and vote for Chair
 - Nominations and vote for Vice Chair
 - Approve regular meeting date as second Monday of each month in 2012
 - Approve Hunterdon County Democrat as place for publication of legal notices for 2012.
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RESUME REGULAR MEETING (Elected Chair conducts the meeting)

- **Review committee membership and liaison committee members**
- **Review ordinance governing function of FOSPC (Chapter 26 establishing the committee is enclosed for reference.)**

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development (NJRC&D) to discuss programs offered to help manage Open Space. (Excerpts from 2011 Annual Report included in this packet.)
Grace Messenger: Interim Director

3. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held November 14, 2011. There was no December meeting.

5. BILLS FOR APPROVAL (INCLUDE SALARY HOURS)

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| • Survey copies, mail expense and supplies for forum for J.Conard | \$39.16 |
| • Poster reproduction for Cider Mill Property for G.Robbi | \$17.52 |
| • November hours for J.Conard: 26.25 hours @ \$20.36 = | 534.45 |
| • Payment to Appraiser Goldberg for Lang properties | 1,650.00 |
| • December hours for J. Conard: 21 hours @ \$20.36 = | 427.55 |
| • Payment to Appraiser Rodriguez for Lang properties | 2,400.00 |

6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

7. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT WITH ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss the Environmental Commission suggestion that East Amwell Township update its web site. Goal is to make finding open space information and opportunities for walks and visits easier to find. Robbi/Conard
- Budget for 2012 (copy included in this packet)
- Green Acres funding request for 2012. Prioritize properties for requested funding.
- Report on preliminary rankings at CADB: Hay PIG application.

11. LIAISON REPORTS

- Historic Preservation Kat Cannelongo
- Planning Board Fred Gardner
- Ag Advisory Bill duFosse
- Environmental Commission Toni Robbi
- Recreation Committee If representative available

12. REPORTS

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- Article from NY Times: November 13, 2011 **included in this packet:** Young Farmers Find Huge Obstacles to Getting Started.
- DEP has a new website that lists all capital improvement projects funded for state parks, forests, historic sites and wildlife management areas. Funding started in 2007 after approval of ballot question that allocates a portion of the Corporate Business Tax to establish this stable source of capital improvement funding. News release with details will be available at the meeting.

- Letter from Conservation Resources announcing various funding opportunities for 2012. (Included in this packet)
- Handout *available at meeting* from D&R Greenway: Happy Trails to You showing location and maps of several walking and hiking opportunities nearby.
- Notice from Hunterdon Planning Board. East Amwell share of Open Space funds this year will be \$24,564.28.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CADB Meeting on January 12, 2012
- SADC Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012
- Judy will be away in January for two weeks. I will not be in the office for two consecutive Wednesdays: January 18 and January 25. I will return to the office on February 1.

15. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16. NEXT MEETING will be held, Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the East Amwell Township Municipal Building.

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 Date sent to Democrat January 4, 2012