

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 12, 2012**

Members

Present	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Pat Cregar	Committee Member and Mayor's Designee
	Fred Gardner	Committee Member and Planning Board Liaison
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historical Preservation Liaison

Members

Absent:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
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Alternates

Present:	Joan Sank	Alternate 2
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Absent:	Bill duFosse	Alternate 1 – Ag Advisory Liaison
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Liaison

Absent:	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission
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Others:

Judy Conard	Administrator
Christine Rosikiewicz	Secretary

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m.

**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 19, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On March 7, 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.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Dick Ginman opened the meeting to the public. A motion was made by Kat Cannelongo to close the meeting to the public, second by Fred Gardner. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF MEETING held February 13, 2012.** These minutes were tabled due to a lack of quorum to approve them.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Old Business: D&R Greenway 2012 Public Trail Walks F. Gardner distributed the schedule of D&R Greenway free public trail walks being held May through October. One will be held in East Amwell on the Cider Mill Preserve. The others will take place in towns adjoining East Amwell. Mr. Gardner commented about the superb job D&R Greenways has done supporting the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee with regard to open space.

**ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Judy Conard made the following report:

Scibilia: Mayor Kneski sent a letter to Mr. Siegel, director of the Garden State Preservation Trust and member of the SADC, asking for his help resolving the subordination impasse. The committee discussed alternate solutions to solve this problem.

Hay: This application was accepted by the CADB with the non-severable exception removed. It was noted that ten farms applied and nine were approved. The Hay application ranked third in the County.

Jorgensen: Bankruptcy court has given permission for preservation to go forward.

Drift: Mr. Drift has a pending application to refinance his Wells Fargo mortgage.

Lang: The final funding proposal was put together at a meeting with D&R last week. The Phase 1 Environmental Report was completed.

Plimpton: The Park Commission asked Kevin Richardson at the County to consider acquisition of the property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review of PIG Ranking Criteria:** J. Conard had been asked to revise the criteria to add that lot size less than 25 acres would be considered if property is adjoining preserved farmland. F. Gardner worked out calculations using the point system now in place for various hypothetical applications. He noted that the current formula used to award points for frontage may need to be changed. D. Ginman asked J. Conard to calculate point rankings with various frontage formulas for review in April.

**Continued discussion on inquiry last month on block 40.01 lot 3.02:** J. Conard will send a letter to the landowner.

**Township Committee meeting held 3/8/12:** D. Ginman and Glorianne Robbi attended the meeting to discuss Lang funding. An ordinance is required. D.Ginman and J.Conard will meet with the CFO to clarify procedures and begin the process to gain the necessary funding approvals.

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**Update from CADB meeting:** J. Conard attended the CADB meeting. She noted that a second staff attorney has been hired who will work with the CADB on preservation projects.

**Update on Block 31 Lots 1 and 14.1:** The landowners had the lots appraised and sent copies of the appraisals to D&R Greenway.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **Historic Preservation:**
  - Clawson House: K. Cannelongo reported that a grant was received and a new architect hired for the Clawson House. Work on the siding and windows will begin soon. A second grant application will be submitted by the end of March. Ms. Cannelongo detailed that the Clawson House is a Rockefeller house; she recently met with a director of the Rockefeller Foundation based in Vermont. It was noted that there is a Rockefeller monument in East Amwell.
  - Dippolito Farm K. Cannelongo spoke to Mrs. Dippolito and obtained permission to use the main house on the property as the subject of a class project required for her Masters Degree program. She will share her research and final proposal for use of the house with Mr. and Mrs. Dippolito and the SADC.
  - Lindbergh Talk: Jim Davidson will host a lecture on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. at the municipal building.
- **Planning Board:** F. Gardner advised the Committee that the proposed revisions to the solar ordinance will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting. This discussion will include landscaping, grading of soils, footings and the possibility of permitting dual use (specifically farming). A maximum site limit that can be solar and long term maintenance of the system will also be discussed.
- **Recreation Committee:** C. Rosikiewicz reported that the Annual Egg Hunt will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS:**

J. Conard attended the NJ Conservation sponsored field trip to Duke Estates on March 9<sup>th</sup> and reported on this event. The property will be open for bike riding and hiking.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Dick Ginman opened the meeting to the public. F. Gardner made a motion to close to the public, K. Cannelongo seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. by motion of P. Cregar, second by K. Cannelongo and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:  
Christine Rosikiewicz, Secretary