

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 10, 2012**

Members

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

Present:	Bill duFosse	Alternate 1 – Ag Advisory Liaison
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Alternates

Absent:	Joan Sank	Alternate 2
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Liaison

Absent:	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission
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Others:

Judy Conard Christine Rosikiewicz	Administrator Secretary
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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 September 5, 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: There was no public present.

MINUTES OF MEETING held June 11, 2012: F. Gardner made a motion to approve the June 11, 2012 meeting minutes; D. Ginman seconded it. All were in favor with P. Cregar and B. duFosse abstaining. The motion passed.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

J. Conard added the following to the Bills for Approval:

- Sight and Sound Media Group: Print map of preserved properties for annual report to residents: \$805

A motion made by P. Cregar to pay bills all bills as listed on the agenda and added for consideration, second by F. Gardner. All were in favor; motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Judy Conard made the following report:

Scibilia: Ms. MacWilliam working on final closing papers. .

Hay: The County sent options agreements out in August.

Southwark Farm: Jorgensen: This property closed on June 14, 2012. This was a state acquisition; no East Amwell Township funds were used.

Perkovich: Stefanie Miller met with them to discuss the State Direct Acquisition program.

Plimpton: A grant request was submitted to the County for shared funding.

Wiedemer: This property was appraised by D&R Greenway.

Polhemus: East Amwell appraised the lots three years ago and will be appraised again by D&R for the Green Acres application.

F. Gardner made am motion that the Committee is in agreement that D&R can perform an appraisal on the Polhemus property. P. Cregar seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Drift: This property closed on July 5th.

Lang: This property closed on June 14th.

FOSPC noted that SADC is moving forward to request the remaining funds totaling \$73 million that were approved in the 2009 bond issue. This will be discussed at the SADC meeting at the end of the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report of Trail Projects: D. Ginman reported that he expects to hear soon if the grant application submitted for a trail project on the Lang property was approved. He will be meeting with Neal Ferrari, the director of Washington Crossing Park, to discuss parking access for the Stony Brook Trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Collector inquiry regarding \$25.76 of taxes due on Block 27 Lots 53 & 53.01:

D. Ginman advised the Tax Collector to bring this item to the Township Administrator as FOSPC cannot authorize payment.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Planning Board:** F. Gardner reported that there were minor technical changes to the solar ordinance.
- **Agricultural Advisory:** B. duFosse reported that the Committee was considering hosting a Fall Forum; J. Conard suggested a combined forum with FOSPC.
- **Environmental Committee:** No report.
- **Recreation Committee:** C. Rosikiewicz reported that the Tree Lighting will be held in December. D. Ginman asked if there was any interest in ball fields at the South County Fairgrounds. The Committee briefly discussed this item.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All items listed on agenda noted without comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There was no public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by motion of F. Gardner, second by P. Cregar and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Rosikiewicz, Secretary