

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 11, 2012**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Fred Gardner	Committee Member and Planning Board Liaison
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historical Preservation Liaison

Members

Absent:	Pat Cregar	Committee Member and Mayor's Designee
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Alternates

Present:	none
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Absent:	Bill duFosse	Alternate 1 – Ag Advisory Liaison
	Joan Sank	Alternate 2

Others:

Toni Robbi	Liaison – Environmental Committee
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 June 6, 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:** A motion was made by D. Ginman to open the meeting to the public; K. Cannelongo seconded the motion. Being no public present a motion was made by F. Gardner to close the meeting to the public, second by D. Ginman. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF MEETING held April 9, 2012:**

**Dick Ginman** made a motion to approve the May 14, 2012 meeting minutes; **K. Cannelongo** seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by **D. Ginman** to pay bills as listed on the agenda, second by **K. Cannelongo**. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Judy Conard made the following report:

- Scibilia: J. Conard reported that there is nothing new to report; awaiting payoff of Wells Fargo loan in October.
- Hay: Waiting for option agreement from County. This property was discussed briefly. The State has approved the application. Waiting for signed contract from Ms. Hay.
- Jorgensen: Scheduled to close on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Drift: Application is under final review.
- Lang: The closing for this property will be on Thursday at the municipal building. The check from Green Acres was received today.
- Plimpton: D. Ginman will report on this item later in the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There were no unfinished business items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update on progress of SADC rules on wind power installations on preserved farms: G. Robbi was advised by Stephanie Miller via e-mail that the SADC is under contract with Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center for a noise study regarding wind power. They are working with Rutgers to finalize policy that will be contained in the final report. F. Gardner explained that the State permits wind power without limit; there is a precedent for a limit on preserved farms. The Committee discussed this item.
- Update on Stony Brook Trail proposal: T. Robbi reported that the Environmental Commission endorsed the concept of the Stony Brook Trail. FOSPC will advise the Township Committee of this volunteer project.

**F. Gardner made a motion for the Farmland Open Space Preservation Committee to endorse the Stony Brook Trail project. K. Cannelongo seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

Update on various projects with D&R Greenway:

- Wiedemer: Mr. Ginman reported that Mr. and Mrs. Wiedemer accepted the offer from D&R Greenway based on the property as a single lot.
- Plimpton: Mr. Ginman explained that Hunterdon County has a *Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Program* to provide grants when multiple partners purchase property using shared funding. FOSPC will submit an application to this program for purchase of this property. Possible partners are D&R Greenway and Green Acres.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Summary of Green Acres Funding**: The Committee reviewed this summary, which was included in their packet, and commented favorably on it. The breakdown of percentages owned on specific properties was briefly discussed.

- **Meeting Schedule for July and August:** F. Gardner made a motion to suspend meetings for the months of July and August with meetings to resume on September 10; K. Cannelongo seconded this motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.
- **Tax Mailing:** K. Cannelongo will compose the narrative part of the FOSPC Annual Report to Residents to be included in the tax bill mailing and e-mail it to the Committee for their review.
- **Township Committee:** J. Conard will compose an update to Township Committee which will include the Lang closing, Wiedemer contract, and proposed Stony Brook trail. D. Ginman and G. Robbi will attend the next Township Committee meeting.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **Historic Preservation:** K. Cannelongo announced that there is a County Cultural and Heritage Expo this Saturday. She has finished her project on the Prall house. The Prall House is not in the historic district but the district could possibly be expanded.
- **Planning Board:** F. Gardner reported that there has not been a Planning Board meeting since the last FOSPC meeting.
- **Agricultural Advisory Committee:** No report.
- **Environmental Commission:** Mr. Robbi reported on the Stony Brook trail project earlier in the meeting.
- **Recreation Committee:** No report.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### SADC:

G. Robbi reported that the SADC is reorganizing; the state has been divided into three regions. East Amwell is in the north region; Stephanie Miller will manage this region.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

NY Times article dated June 10, 2012 Weeding Out Fake Farmers about proposed changes to Farmland Assessment Criteria. There was a very brief discussion on this item.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Judy Conard will be away the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**F. Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; D. Ginman seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:32p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Christine Rosikiewicz, Secretary