

**EAST AMWELL FARMLAND PRESERVATION & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 9, 2013; 7:30 PM; East Amwell Municipal Building

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. OPEN MEETING NOTICE

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a regular Meeting pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 31, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On September 5, 2013 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.

3. INTROCTION OF SCOTT BAUMAN- FOSPC ADMINISTRATOR

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5. APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2013, MEETING MINUTES

6. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2013, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

7. BILLS FOR APPROVAL

DATE	VENDOR	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
6/6/13	Banisch Associates, Inc.	P1321628	\$180.00	Prepare annual updated open space map
7/3/13	Banisch Associates, Inc.	P1321685	\$210.00	Prepare revisions to open space map for tax mailers, prepare poster map for lobby
June July August	Scott Bauman FOSPC Administrator	n/a	\$690.00	34.5 hours @ \$20.00 / hour

8. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT WITH ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE

A. Perkovich Parcels (BI 3, Lots 5 & 6) 72 acres

- Status: SADC direct purchase; appraisals pending.

B. Hay Parcel (BI 21, Lot 16.03) 24 acres

- April 2012: submitted SADC development easement grant application for \$361,200 (60% SADC, 20% county, 20% municipal)
- May 2013: SADC approves purchase, township follows via resolution #64-13
- Status: property owner signed contract and returned it to the Freeholders for consideration. Property will be surveyed after contract. Application should close in early 2014.

C. Plimpton Parcel (BI 38, Lot 3) 26 acres

- June 2012: submitted County Cooperative Grant application for \$350,000 (50% Green Acres, 20% D&R Greenway Land Trust, 20% municipal / county cooperative grant, 7% municipal share of county open space funds, 3% municipal open space funds).
- May 2013: county appropriates acquisition funds, property owner withdraws support.

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- July 2013: notice of withdrawal sent to the County.
 - August 2013: letter sent to neighboring property owner Wayne Smith re: withdrawal of application
- D. Ridge Road Assemblage (Bl 34, Lots 18, 19, 19.01, 21.01, 21.02) 40 acres**
- July 2013: submitted County Cooperative Grant for \$600,000 (50% Green Acres, 30% county open space trust funds, and 20% D&R Greenway Land Trust)
 - Status: expect to hear from the county by October
- E. Scibilia Property (Bl 11, Lot 37); 95 John Ringo Road; 40 acres**
- October 1999: deed of easement for an agricultural retention easement executed
 - Status: Due to lot line change, an amended deed of easement is required; once signed, the township is due to receive approximately \$192,000 once the project is closed
- F. Van Doren Parcel (Bl 35, Lot 58); South Hill Road; 8.59 acres**
- For discussion
- G. East Jersey Developers Parcel (Bl 35, Lot 18.01); 18 South Hill Road; 10 acres**
- For discussion
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- A. Annual Report- copies of Farmland Preservation Map (19 cents each)
- 11. OLD BUSINESS**
- A. "Rambling Pines": Block 41, Lots 44 & 45
- Memorandum of Agreement between the township and DEP for hiking trails- signed by township in Feb 2013; awaiting DEP signatures. Followed up with DEP August 2013
- 12. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. CADB October Grant Round Deadline
- B. Township Committee Resolution #84-13: Open Space Trust Fund Appropriations for 2013 approved on July 11, 2013
- 13. LIAISON REPORTS**
- A. Historic Preservation vacant
- B. Planning Board Fred Gardner
- C. Agricultural Advisory Kit Crisafulli
- D. Environmental Commission Toni Robbi
- E. Recreation Committee Peter Fick

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14. REPORTS

- A. CADB: meet with staff June 18, July 16, and August 21
- B. SADC meeting held July 25, 2013

15. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Mayor Kneski to Governor Christie asking him to support the Keep It Green initiative.
- Article by Michele Byers, Executive Director of the NJ Conservation Foundation: *The State We're In- preserved lands defend against climate change.* Included in this packet.
- Article by Michele Byers, Executive Director of the NJ Conservation Foundation: *The State We're In- Voters get no say on open space preservation.* Included in this packet.
- Article by Michele Byers, Executive Director of the NJ Conservation Foundation: *Don't treat prime soil like dirt!* Included in this packet.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **SADC Meetings:** 2013: 9/26, 11/14, 12/12. 2014: 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/25, 5/22, 6/26, & 7/24
- B. **CADB Meetings:** 2013: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

17. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

18. REMAINING MEETINGS IN 2013: 10/14, 11/11, 12/9

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