

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
 MINUTES
 May 13, 2013**

Members Present	Glorianne Robbi Dick Ginman Pat Cregar Kat Cannelongo	Committee Chair Vice Chair Committee Member and Mayor's Designee Committee Member and Historical Preservation Liaison
Members Absent	Fred Gardner	Committee Member and Planning Board Liaison
Alternates Present	Joan Sank	Alternate 1
Alternates Absent:	Peter Fick	Alternate 2
Liaisons Present:	Kit Crisafulli Toni Robbi	Agricultural Advisory Committee Liaison Environmental Commission Liaison
Others:	Judy Conard	Administrator

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

IN COMPLIANCE WITH the Open Public Meetings Act, Ms. Conard noted that this is a regular meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 31, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On May 8, 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.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Robbi opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. Mr. Ginman made a motion to close to the public. Second by Ms. Cannelongo. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING held April 8, 2013:

Mr. Ginman made a motion to approve the April 8, 2013 meeting minutes, second by Ms. Sank. Mr. Ginman suggested one correction. Motion to approve minutes with corrections carried with Ms. Cregar and Ms. Cannelongo abstaining.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

Ms. Conard stated that the bill from Appraiser Goldberg for completion of the Plimpton appraisal for \$2,150 should be added to the bill list. A motion to approve the bill list with addition made by Mr. Ginman, second by Ms. Cannelongo and carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

New business: 2013 annual report with updated map.
Farmland preservation efforts

ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Summary of Active Properties:

- Scibilia: Discussion between the mayor and the Scibilia family continue.
- Hay: The East Amwell Township Committee approved final funding. Next step is approval by CADB and Freeholders and then survey work.
- Perkovich: SADC is working on this direct purchase application.
- Plimpton: Appraisal received and discussed by committee.

Other Matters discussed:

- Ms. Robbi announced that she, Mr. Ginman and Ms. Conard will meet with D&R Greenway and Green Acres on May 14 to discuss strategy and priorities for open space acquisitions.
- Ms. Robbi said that SADC sent letters to 50 landowners in Hunterdon inviting them to attend information sessions to learn about preservation. The Pehinys farm was only East Amwell property on the SADC list and a member of the family attended one session.
- Mr. Ginman said that a meeting to continue discussion of possible ball fields on the County property across from the South County Fairgrounds will be held with Freeholder Walton on May 20. Mr. Fick will attend and Mr. Ginman may join him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Ms. Conard summarized feedback received from GreenFest from participants. Comments were favorable but most suggested a bigger room if event is held again.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 2013 Annual Report to all East Amwell residents was discussed. Ms. Cannelongo will write the narrative. Suggestions for the narrative discussed and included trails, funding and other topics.
- Future farmland preservation efforts discussed and several farms suggested for consideration.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- Historic Preservation by Ms. Cannelongo
 - Hunterdon County will host the 2nd Annual Historic Fest later this spring.
 - East Amwell is discussing events for this year that may include a bus or walking tour.
- Agriculture Advisory by Mr. Crisafulli
 - No meeting held
- Environmental Commission by Mr. Robbi
 - The Omick, Lang and Wiedemer properties are known as the Rocktown Woods Preserve. A grant of \$1,500 for construction of the trail on the Rocktown Woods Preserve was received through ANJEC (Association of NJ Environmental Commissions). The Rocktown Woods Preserve trail is a 2013-2014 project for the NJ Trail Association led by Alan Hershey with help from East Amwell volunteers. Preliminary work to lay out the trail is underway. It is hoped the trail will be completed by the Spring of 2014.
 - The Stony Brook Trail awaits approval of the Memorandum of Agreement by the State.
- Planning Board: No report as Mr. Gardner was absent.
- Recreation Committee: No report as Mr. Fick was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Conard announced 5th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference sponsored by Rutgers to be held Tuesday, June 11, 2013. The topic is *Fishable and Swimable: The Clean Water Act at 40*. Ms. Conard has details for those interested.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is June 10, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Conard, FOSPC Administrator