

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 9, 2009**

Members

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| Present: | Glorianne Robbi | Chair  |
|          | Richard Ginman  | Vice Chair   |
|          | Rob Gilbert     |  |
|          | Kat Cannelongo  | Committee Member and Historic Preservation Liaison |

Liaisons

|         |            |                                    |
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| Present | Pat Cregar | Mayors Designee-Township Committee |
|         | Toni Robbi | Environmental Commission           |
|         | Joan Sank  | Recreation Committee               |

Others

|         |                |               |
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| Present | Judy Conard    | Administrator |
|         | Martha Pittore | Secretary     |

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Glorianne Robbi

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH** the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is regular meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the February 19, 2009 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On November 4, 2009 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 made a motion to open the meeting to the public; second by Kat Cannelongo. There were no members from the public in attendance. A motion was made by Pat Cregar to close to the public, second by Dick Ginman. Both motions carried.

**MINUTES OF MEETING September 14, 2009.** A Motion was made by Pat Cregar to approve the minutes as written, second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

A Motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the bills as listed on the agenda, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**Unfinished Business:**

- Clawson Park Pat Cregar

**New Business:**

- Outreach to farms on targeted preservation list: Glorianne Robbi
- Website: Glorianne Robbi

**ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** In addition to the written report, the following remarks were added:

- **Scibilia:** The work on the final map has been completed by the surveyor. Judy stated she will follow up with Lori MacWilliams.
- **Zuegner:** The Zuegners have agreed to sell the easements for the certified market value. The Township Committee will be asked to approve final funding at their meeting on November 12, 2009.
- **Rynearson:** Mrs. Rynearson's attorney requires a driveway permit be obtained before the contract is signed. There is an issue involving jurisdiction of the driveway due to an existing agreement now in place with Delaware Township. Dick Ginman made a motion that the Township Committee be asked to review the driveway permit agreement to determine jurisdiction, second by Rob Gilbert. Motion carried. FOSPC noted funding deadline for PIG applications using original bond issue funding is March of 2010 and time is of the essence.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Clawson Park:** Pat Cregar stated a member of the Fisher family would like to make a donation to the Park in memory of her mother. Pat suggested a water fountain, which FOSPC agreed would be a desirable contribution to the Park.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Recreation Committee Letter:** Letter dated October 30 issued by Mayor, Peter Kneski to John Trontis Director of Hunterdon Park Commission regarding use of the land across from South County Park for ball fields and other recreational use. FOSPC expressed support for the action of the Township Committee and noted there is a great need for development of recreational facilities.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2010 FOSPC Committee Structure request from Clerk:** Glorianne Robbi stated she poled FOSPC members and liaisons and will inform the Clerk of the results.
- **Solicitation of Farms:** Glorianne was asked to prepare a draft outreach letter to the ten farms on FOSPC targeted list of properties for preservation.
- **Website:** Rob Gilbert was asked to update FOSPC data; he will check with Clerk, Terri Stahl.

**LIASON REPORTS:**

- **Planning Board:** No report was made.
- **Agricultural Advisory Board:**
  - Rob Gilbert stated the Ag Advisory Farm Forum held October 19, 2009 was a great success.
- **Environmental Committee**
  - Toni Robbi stated the rain garden project at Clawson Park has been completed. Information and brochures will be distributed at the site.

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- **Historic Preservation:**
  - Kat Cannelongo stated work continues to scan pictures for the book project.
  - The presentation held on Lindbergh memorabilia on October 18, 2009 was a success.
  - Work continues on establishing the Historical Society for fundraising purposes.
  - The design awards will be held on November 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Recreation Committee:** See remarks above.

**REPORTS**

SADC meeting held on November 5, 2009: Glorianne Robbi reported as follows:

- West Amwell letter dated October 7 and East Amwell letter of May 12, 2009 to the Hunterdon CADB was received. These letters express concern about the negative impact to Municipal PIG programs caused by the County requirement for option agreements.
- Voter approval on the bond issue funding for open space was reviewed. Essex County ranked #1 with 63.4% approval. Hunterdon County ranked 16 in 2007 with a 49% approval rate and was ranked 13 in 2009 with 51.7% approval.
- SADC approved a request for division of a farm preserved in 1997 in Cumberland County. The farm consists of two parcels and the son sought to purchase one of the parcels. After discussion it was determined that the purpose of the division is estate planning and the family goal to keep the farm in the family. Ralph Siegel, head of Garden State Trust asked the SADC to inform the CABD's on procedure if similar requests for property division come before them.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence as listed on the Agenda noted without further comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- CADB meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Kat Cannelongo will attend.
- SADC meeting on December 10, 2009.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** A motion was made by Dick Ginman to open the meeting to the public, second by Kat Cannelongo. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Kat Cannelongo to close to the public, second by Pat Cregar. Both motions carried.

FOSPC discussed cancelling the regular meeting scheduled for December 14, 2009. A decision will be made when the volume of business is determined. The January meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2010 and will likely be the Reorganization Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by motion of Pat Cregar, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Pittore, Secretary  
FOSPC