

EAST AMWELL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
7:30 PM East Amwell Municipal Building
February 9, 2011 - Meeting

Call to Order, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting of the East Amwell Planning Board was opened on February 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM. The following notice was read, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the annual meeting notice as published in the January 20, 2011 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, a copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk's Office and posted on the bulletin board on February 2, 2011."

Present: Fred Gardner
Gail Glashoff
Peter Kneski
Linda Lenox
Don Reilly, Chairman
Dart Sageser
Michael Weis
Joe Wolfgang
Roger DeLay
Planner Slagle

Excused: Rob Gilbert

Citizens' Privilege to Speak on Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Reilly opened the floor to public comment. Frances Gavigan of 123 Wertsville Road came forward and informed the Board that she recently attended a Freeholders meeting and had gotten them to express support for saving the Dippolito/Cavalier/Prall house that was the subject of discussion at the Planning Board's meeting last month.

A motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Dart Sageser to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Review of Minutes

A motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Dart Sageser to approve the Board's 1/12/11 minutes was approved with Michael Weis, Fred Gardner, Pete Kneski, Linda Lenox and Joe Wolfgang abstaining.

New Business – Other

Adopt Goals/Priorities for 2011

Planner Slagle referred to her 2/4/11 memo stating this version of the Planning Board's Goals and Priorities was revised after the discussion at last month's meeting to include review of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Solar Energy Ordinance, Tree Harvesting Ordinance and COAH.

Mr. Sageser remarked that he was given a memorandum from the new Chair of the Historic Commission (*Barbara Sageser*) which provided an update on the status of the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance revision discussed at last month's Planning Board meeting. He indicated that the Committee has an interim proposal for adopting/referencing the historic section of the Hunterdon County Master Plan along with other documentation from 2005 and 2006 that can be included for further reference. Mr. Sageser commented that he believes the Committee is working on getting this information together to present to the Planning Board in a more formal fashion.

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Planner Slagle noted the Solar Ordinance will be revisited after its adoption to further detail as it becomes necessary. Chairman Reilly commented the public hearing on the Solar Ordinance is scheduled for tomorrow night at the Township Committee meeting. He remarked that he and Planner Slagle will be in attendance to answer any questions that may come up.

Mr. DeLay suggested that some of the items on the Planning Board's Goals and Priorities list be separated out onto a list of "Items to Monitor" rather than incorporating them into the Planning Board's actual goals. He noted the Larison Corner matter, the Wastewater Management Plan and COAH are all items that need to be monitored but can't be acted upon until activity from other entities occurs. Chairman Reilly remarked that the Planning Board will be proactive on some items and reactive on others noting acknowledgement of Mr. DeLay's point.

A motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Pete Kneski to adopt the Planning Board's list of 2011 Goals and Priorities as revised in Planner Slagle's 2/4/11 memo was unanimously approved.

Oral Reports

FOSPC – no report given.

Agricultural Advisory Committee – no report given.

Environmental Commission – Mr. Sageser reported that the Commission discussed their 2011 goals as well as plans for a plant sale in the spring and the 4-H Fair. He also commented that the Commission is trying to reinvigorate their salt sampling process.

COAH – no report given.

Wastewater Management – no report given.

AVAD Design Standards – no report given.

PB Secretary – Ms. Andrews noted that the Township Committee is looking for a representative from the Planning Board to attend their budget meeting on 2/24/11 in order to explain/justify the money being requested. Chairman Reilly indicated he had a schedule conflict with the 2/24/11 meeting date and Ms. Glashoff volunteered to attend on behalf of the Planning Board.

Chairman – Chairman Reilly reported that the Sourland Alliance had requested a representative from the Planning Board join their group and he has volunteered to do so.

Mr. DeLay asked about the status of a Vice Chair being selected for the Planning Board. Chairman Reilly indicated this matter will be addressed at the Board's March meeting.

Open to the Public

It was noted for the record that there was no one from the public present at the meeting at this time.

Presentation of Vouchers

A motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Linda Lenox to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the agenda was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Chairman Reilly adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Maria Andrews, Administrative Officer