

EAST AMWELL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
7:30 PM East Amwell Municipal Building
October 9, 2013 - Meeting

Call to Order, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting of the East Amwell Planning Board was opened on October 9, 2013 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 17, 2013 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 October 3, 2013."

Present: Roger DeLay
Fred Gardner
Gail Glashoff
Don Reilly, Chairman
Dart Sageser
Linda Lenox – Alt. #1
Gail Skupien – Alt. #2

Excused: Rob Gilbert
David Wang-Iverson
Joe Wolfgang

Citizens' Privilege to Speak on Items not on the Agenda

It was noted for the record that there were no members of the public present at the meeting at this time.

Review of Minutes

A motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Gail Glashoff to approve the Board's 9/11/13 minutes with no revisions noted was unanimously approved.

New Business – Other

Resolution of Approval: PB#2013-06 – Adoption of the 2013 Master Plan Re-examination Report

A motion by Linda Lenox, seconded by Gail Glashoff to approve Resolution PB#2013-06 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Lenox: Yes, Gail Glashoff: Yes, Roger DeLay: Yes, Fred Gardner: Yes, Don Reilly: Yes, Dart Sageser: Yes, Gail Skupien: Yes

Chairman Reilly noted that a member of the public had just arrived at the meeting and suggested the Board open to the public.

A motion by Roger DeLay, seconded by Dart Sageser to open to the public was unanimously approved. Frances Gavigan of 123 Wertsville Road came forward and suggested the Board consider receiving site plans in an electronic format so they could then be posted on the Township website for the public to have access to 24 hours a day. She expressed that it isn't always convenient for the public to have to come into the Municipal Building to review plans associated with applications.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, a motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Roger DeLay to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Oral Reports

FOSPC – No report was given.

Agricultural Advisory Committee – No report was given.

Environmental Commission – No report was given.

PB Secretary – No report was given.

Chairman – Chairman Reilly commented that he wanted the Board to think about whether or not raising farm animals on lots under 5 acres is a matter that should be dealt with by the Board of Adjustment on an ad hoc basis or if it is a policy matter that the Planning Board should address. He indicated that he did not want to have any discussion on the subject this evening because of a pending application and suggested the Board think about the matter so it can be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Gardner commented that rather than specify “lots less than 5 acres,” specify “properties not claiming farmland assessment.”

Mr. Sageser suggested that the whole matter of farm animals on lots under 5 acres may be a subject better addressed by the Board of Health.

Chairman Reilly commented that this discussion can be continued at a future meeting.

Open to the Public

A motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Linda Lenox to open to the public was unanimously approved, Seeing no one come forward, a motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Roger DeLay to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Presentation of Vouchers

A motion by Fred Gardner, seconded by Gail Glashoff to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the agenda was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Adjournment

Chairman Reilly adjourned the meeting at this time, 7:41 PM.

Maria Andrews, Planning Board Administrator