

EAST AMWELL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
7:30 PM East Amwell Municipal Building
July 9, 2014 - Meeting

Call to Order, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting of the East Amwell Planning Board was opened on July 9, 2014 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 16, 2014 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 July 3, 2014."

Present: Rob Gilbert
Gail Glashoff
Linda Lenox
Don Reilly, Chairman
Dart Sageser
David Wang-Iverson
Gail Skupien – Alt. #1

Excused: Roger DeLay
Fred Gardner

Citizens' Privilege to Speak on Items not on the Agenda

Chairman Reilly opened the floor to public comment. Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion by David Wang-Iverson, seconded by Gail Glashoff to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Review of Minutes

A motion by Rob Gilbert, seconded by David Wang-Iverson to approve the Board's minutes from 6/11/14 with no revisions noted was approved with Ms. Glashoff and Ms. Skupien abstaining.

New Business – Other

Approval of Resolution PB#2014-04: Wielenta Extension

It was noted that this matter will be carried to the Board's 8/13/14 agenda.

Request for Letter of Support for Open Space Acquisition Program Grant – Block 35 Lot 18.01 South Hill Road

A motion by Dart Sageser, seconded by Gail Glashoff for the Planning Board to send a letter of support to Bill Millette at the County for East Amwell's application for the Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Program Grant for East Jersey Developers 10 acre parcel in the Sourlands was unanimously approved.

Discussion: The Keeping of Non-customary Animals on Residential Properties Throughout the Township – Update From Ag Advisory

Chairman Reilly noted that an email was received from Frances Gavigan, Chair of the Ag Committee detailing their progress and noting that they are working on a draft brochure which will provide guidance to residents regarding keeping animals on their properties. Ms. Glashoff added that they are hoping to have a Farm Forum in October and plan to reach out to Bob Mickel who is the Ag Extension Agent for Rutgers and the County and ask him to speak on the matter.

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Discussion: Village Study – Update from Subcommittee

Mr. Wang-Iverson noted that approximately 60 surveys were received with about 6 from businesses. He commented that Planner Slagle will compile the data and draft a report over the summer with recommendations for the Village District.

Chairman Reilly remarked that Ken Bogan from the County has offered to be a liaison and assist with the study if needed.

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 and Ms. Glashoff had attended the County COAH Meeting and indicated it was an affirmation of the information the Board received from Planner Slagle. He remarked that the consensus seems to be that what COAH has put into the current regulations will not remain in place after November. He stated that East Amwell's required number of COAH units will likely decrease. Chairman Reilly also informed the Board that Maria Souza had resigned from her position as Alternate #2.

Open to the Public

A motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Rob Gilbert to open to the public was unanimously approved. Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Linda Lenox to close to the public was unanimously approved.

Presentation of Vouchers

A motion by Gail Glashoff, seconded by Rob Gilbert to approve the vouchers as listed on the Board's 7/9/14 agenda was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Chairman Reilly adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Maria Andrews, Administrative Officer