

EAST AMWELL FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: November 11, 2013; 7:30 PM
East Amwell Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202, Ringoes, NJ

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. OPEN MEETING NOTICE

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a regular Meeting pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 31, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On November 5, 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.

3. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2013, MEETING MINUTES

5. BILLS FOR APPROVAL

DATE	VENDOR	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Oct. 2013	Scott Bauman, FOSPC Admin.	n/a	\$ 355.00	17.75 hours @ \$20.00 / hour

6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

7. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT WITH ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE

A. Perkovich Parcels (Bl 3, Lots 5 & 6) 72 acres

- Oct. 2013: SADC easement acquisition offer letter sent; FOSPC follows up with telephone conversation and letter to co-owner.

B. Hay Parcel (Bl 21, Lot 16.03) 24 acres

- April 2012: submitted SADC development easement grant application for \$361,200 (60% SADC, 20% county, 20% municipal). Application should close in early 2014.
- May 2013: SADC approves purchase, township approves via resolution #64-13
- Sept. 2013: Owner signs contract and returns to Freeholders.
- Oct. 2013: FOSPC agrees on \$3,750 surveying cost; awaiting certification of funds.

C. Plimpton Parcel (Bl 38, Lot 3) 26 acres

- June 2012: submitted County Cooperative Grant application for \$350,000 (50% Green Acres, 20% D&R Greenway Land Trust, 20% municipal / county cooperative grant, 7% municipal share of county open space funds, 3% municipal open space funds).
- Sept. 2013: D&R Greenway Land Trust sends draft sale agreement to Executor. Follow up meeting scheduled for early November
- Nov. 2013: an update was emailed to Green Acres which was responded with a thank you.

D. Ridge Road Assemblage (Bl 34, Lots 18, 19, 19.01, 21.01, 21.02) 40 acres

- July 2013: submitted County Cooperative Grant for \$600,000 (50% Green Acres, 30% county open space trust funds, and 20% D&R Greenway Land Trust)
- Oct. 2013: Freeholders approve resolutions for cooperative open space acquisition, and non-profit open space grant application. D&R Greenway Land Trust sent contracts to all three owners, awaits response.
- Nov. 2013: an update was emailed to Green Acres which was responded with a thank you.

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E. Scibilia Property (Bl 11, Lot 37); 95 John Ringo Road; 40 acres

- Oct. 1999: deed of easement for an agricultural retention easement executed. Due to lot line change, an amended deed of easement is required; once signed, the township is due to receive approximately \$192,000 once the project is closed

F. Van Doren Parcel (Bl 35, Lot 58); South Hill Road; 8.59 acres

- Sept. 2013: Discussed at FOSPC meeting with D&R Greenway Land Trust

G. East Jersey Developers Parcel (Bl 35, Lot 18.01); 18 South Hill Road; 10 acres

- Sept. 2013: Discussed at FOSPC meeting with D&R Greenway Land Trust

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. A review and prioritizing the proposed projects: Plimpton Parcel, Ridge Road Assemblage, Hermine Van Doren, East Jersey Developers, and the Van Doren (Kate Hepburn) Estate.

B. Stony Brook Trail “Rambling Pines”: Block 41, Lots 44 & 45

- Memorandum of Agreement between the township and DEP for hiking trails- signed by township in Feb 2013; awaiting DEP signatures. Followed up with DEP 8/13 & 10/13

C. Hermine Van Doren (Bl 35, Lot 53); South Hill Road; 7.51 acres

- Oct. 2013: Lost farmland assessment. Adjacent to D&R parcels Lots 18, 51, 52 & 54

D. Pilipshen Parcel (Bl 40, Lot 17.01); Snyderstown Road; 4.07 acres

- Sept. 2013: Owner offers parcel to the township for purchase. Parcel would provide road access to DEP's adjoining 73 acres and D&R's 6 acres.

E. Matthew & Gayle Miller (Bl 40.03, Lots 16.01, 16.02); 252 Rileyville Road

- Oct. 2013: Mr. Bauman met with Mr. Miller to discuss preservation process and options.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning for 2014 FOSPC Budget

B. Planning for 2014 GreenFest

10. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Historic Preservation David Harding

B. Planning Board Fred Gardner

C. Agricultural Advisory Kit Crisafulli

D. Environmental Commission Toni Robbi

E. Recreation Committee Peter Fick

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11. REPORTS

- A. CADB monthly meeting held October 10, 2013.
- B. FOSPC reps met with country planning staff on October 23, 2013
- C. SADC last meeting held September 26, 2013

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. November 5, 2013, letter from Mayor Peter Kneski to Michael Catania, President of Conservation Resources, Inc.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. SADC Remaining Meetings:** 2013: 11/14, 12/12. 2014: 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/25, 5/22, 6/26, & 7/24
- B. CADB Remaining Meetings:** 2013: 11/14, 12/12
- C. FOSPC Remaining Meetings:** 2013: 12/9
- D.** As of 5/23/2013, East Amwell's SADC PIG program area balance was \$918,390.40
- E.** As of 6/26/2013, East Amwell's Green Acres balance was \$103,797.57

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

15. ADJOURNMENT

Date Posted on Bulletin Board
Date sent to Democrat

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