

MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 10, 2014
EAST AMWELL FARMLAND / OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the Farmland / Open Space Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairwoman Robbi. Mr. Bauman read aloud the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a Reorganization Meeting pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 19, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. 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 municipal bulletin board.

2014 ATTENDANCE

	1/13/14	2/10/14	3/10/14	4/14/14	5/12/14	6/9/14	7/14/14	8/11/14	9/8/14	10/13/14	11/10/14	12/8/14
Kat Cannelongo		X	X									
Fred Gardner (member & Planning Board liaison)	X	X	X									
Dick Ginman	X	X	X									
Glorianne Robbi	X	X	X									
Joan Sank (alternate I)		X	X									
Pete Fick (alternate II & Recreation Committee liaison)	X	X	X									
David Wang-Iverson (mayor's designee)	X	X										
Frances Gavigan (Agricultural Advisory Committee liaison)		X	X									
Toni Robbi (Environmental Commission liaison)	X	X	X									
Barbara Sageser (Historic Preservation Committee liaison)			X									

Others present on 3/10/14: FOSPC Administrator / Recording Secretary Scott Bauman

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairwoman Robbi opened the meeting to the public and noted that there was no public present. Mr. Gardner made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting; Vice Chairman Ginman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gardner to approve the February 10, 2014, meeting minutes with the following corrections: 1) page one: presentation of meeting minutes- Ms. Gavigan did not abstain from voting; 2) page one: unfinished business, 2014 Greenfest- change April 6 to April 5, and change April 7 to April 6. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Sageser arrived at 7:34 PM.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to approve payment of FOSPC Administrator Scott Bauman for \$295.00 for 14.75 hours of work in the month of February, 2014. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Chairwoman Robbi informed the Committee that a sign is needed for the Omick Woods at Rocktown Preserve- it was a condition of sale and part of the preservation plan. With no objections, this item was added to New Business.

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2. Chairwoman Robbi reported that the Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT) is seeking a \$500 donation from municipalities that have benefitted from services provided by the HLT. A discussion ensued regarding if this sum were to be paid, what budget could it be included under. The HLT has done plenty of preservation work for East Amwell in the past, and it was agreed that the Township Committee should be made aware of this request.
3. Chairwoman Robbi requested consideration of payment for two invoices by Heritage Consulting related to professional land survey costs associated with the Barbara Hay parcel (Block 21, Lot 16.03): \$937.50 and \$1,875.00 for a total of \$2,812.50. Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices; Mr. Gardner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Greenfest. Chairwoman Robbi distributed a list of Greenfest 2014 participants; she reported that there are a few parties whom have not yet responded. Those present discussed planning matters related to the event. Other discussions included ways of making available to the public the township preservation applications, and a game similar to car bingo to familiarize the public with preserved open space throughout the township.

2014 Capital Budget Request. Chairwoman Robbi asked Mr. Bauman to contact township administrator Tim Matheny to request a meeting with him and the finance officer to discuss capital budget requests for farmland and open space preservation projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator's Report. Mr. Bauman provided the Committee with the March 10, 2014, administrator's report as part of the March meeting packet. Mr. Bauman highlighted sections of his report that included updates on municipal PIG applications Greg & Dena Scibilia (Block 11, Lot 37), and Barbara Hay (Block 21, Lot 16.03); SADC application Perkovich (Block 3, Lots 5, 6); and Green Acres applications Plimpton Estate (Block 38, Lot 3), and Ridge Road assemblage (Block 32, Lots 18, 19, 19.01, 21.01, 21.02).

Omick Woods at Rocktown Preserve. Vice Chairman Ginman reported that an identification sign "Omick Woods at Rocktown Preserve" is needed for Omick Woods as it was a condition of sale that needed to be satisfied. The Committee discussed the potential location for the sign, sign wording, and the process of recommending the creation and installation of "Omick Woods at Rocktown Preserve" sign to the Township Committee. Mr. Gardner made a motion to make the suggestion to the Township Committee and if approved, then the details are worked out. Vice Chairman Ginman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by voice vote. The Committee confirmed that the name on the sign would be "Omick Woods at Rocktown Preserve".

LIAISON REPORTS

Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). Ms. Gavigan reported that John Perehinys will be representing the AAC at Greenfest.

Environmental Commission (EC). Mr. Robbi reported that he will be at Greenfest representing the EC. Mr. Robbi also reported that the EC reviewed a zoning board use variance application for a horse farm. There will be a township wide well test program date to be announced.

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Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). Ms. Sageser reported that the HPC jointly sponsored and coordinated a Hunterdon County tercentennial event- a theatric presentation of Dr. Larison and Sylvia Dubois held last month. The HPC is presently working on a Dr. Larison essay challenge for grade school students, and bidding out phase one of the Clawson House renovations. The HPC will be represented at Greenfest and hopes to have walking tours of Ringoes Village available.

Planning Board (PB). Mr. Gardner reported that the Ringoes Study Group continues. The PB received information about a \$5,000 matching grant that would be used to explore the preservation of non-contiguous parcels with clustering on one of the parcels. After a brief discussion, Mr. Gardner agreed to forward documentation to FOSPC.

Recreation Committee (RC). Mr. Fick reported that the RC will be participating in Greenfest. The R C continues to organize the Easter egg hunt. The RC is working on a field development plan with South County Soccer. The RC has a new member and she is a member of South County Soccer. Mr. Fick reported no new news on the proposed South County Park but he will continue to try to move it forward.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairwoman Robbi noted there were no members of the public present; Mr. Gardner made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Ginman, and approved by all to close the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Scott Bauman

Scott Bauman, Recording Secretary
March 30, 2014

Motion to Approve: Ginman

Motion Seconded: Sank

Approved 4/14/14

Abstained from Voting: Wang-Iverson