

**EAST AMWELL FARMLAND / OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 9, 2014
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NEW JERSEY**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the Farmland / Open Space Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Robbi. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Bauman stated that this is a regular 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		X	X						
Fred Gardner (Member & Planning Board liaison)	X	X	X									
Dick Ginman	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Glorianne Robbi	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Joan Sank (Alternate I)		X	X	X	X	X						
Pete Fick (Alternate II & Recreation Committee liaison)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Committeeman David Wang-Iverson (Mayor’s designee)	X	X		X	X	X						
Frances Gavigan (Agricultural Advisory Committee liaison)		X	X		X							
Toni Robbi (Environmental Commission liaison)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Barbara Sageser (Historic Preservation Committee liaison)			X	X		X						

Others present on 6/9/14: FOSPC Administrator Scott Bauman

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Robbi noted that no one from the public was present. Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Cannelongo.

PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Wang Iverson to approve the May 12, 2014, meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES

Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to approve payment of FOSPC Administrator Scott Bauman for \$355.00 for 17.75 hours of work during the month of May 2014. Committeeman Wang-Iverson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Capital Budget Request. Committeeman Wang Iverson requested feedback from FOSPC for capital budget planning and there was a discussion about debt payments.

Green Acres Preservation Project: Ridge Road Assemblage, Block 34, Lots 18, 19, 19.01, 21.01, Lot 21.02. Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to recommend to the Township Committee to approve \$1,000 of the estimated appraisal cost of \$2,000 for the Helm property. Ms. Cannelongo seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote. Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to recommend that the Township Committee authorize filing of an application to Green Acres for a 50% matching support grants. Ms. Sank seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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Green Acres Preservation Project: East Jersey Developers, 18 South Hill Road, Block 35, Lot 18. Chair Robbi distributed maps of the property to those present. Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to recommend that the Township Committee authorize filing of an application to Hunterdon County for a Cooperative Grant and Green Acres matching support grant. Ms. Sank seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Land Donation: Catherine H. Hepburn parcel for donation: Block 34, Lot 58. Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion to recommend that the Township Committee to authorize payment for a Phase 1 environmental assessment of the property in the amount of \$1,650. Ms. Sank seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Farmland Preservation Application Block 17, Lot 16. Chair Robbi reported that she has not heard from the property owner about preserving the property.

Annual Report. Chair Robbi distributed the draft annual report. The report will be sent to the Township Committee for their review and approval. There was no comment on the content of the report or the map, the Committee agreed to send it to the Township Committee as presented.

2014 Greenfest Feedback. Mr. Bauman distributed a compilation of survey results completed by the exhibitors. The report will be inserted into the Greenfest file.

NEW BUSINESS

SADC Meeting Report. Chair Robbi reported on a SADC meeting she attended on May 22, 2014.

Meeting Cancellation. Ms. Sank made a motion to cancel the August 11, 2014, meeting; Vice Chair Ginman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

June 21, 2014, Community Day. Chair Robbi reported that all municipalities have been invited to a county-wide community day. Those present agreed to provide written literature for the township display table.

LIAISON REPORTS

Agricultural Advisory Committee. No report.

Environmental Commission. Mr. Robbi reported that the Environmental Commission coordinated a well water test conducted by Raritan Headwaters. On June 10 there will be a zoning board meeting about New Market Farm on Linvale Road. The trail at Rocktown is complete and was inaugurated on May 17.

Historic Preservation Committee. Ms. Sageser reported that there were three winners in the Larison student challenge. Two new members are going to work on the Quick collection. The Clawson House bid documents are under review. The Committee sent an advisory letter to the Zoning Officer about Peacocks. The History Society is conducting a cemetery tour in June and they voted to acquire a display case for the municipal building.

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Planning Board. Committeeman Wang-Iverson reported that the public meetings for the Ringoes Village Study were held in May. Each of the meetings were well attended. There is a concern about traffic in the village. Surveys are still being collected for another week then after studying the results, the Planning Board will make recommendations to the Township Committee by the end of the year.

Recreation Committee. Mr. Fick reported that representatives from the Recreation Committee did not meet with representatives from the West Amwell Recreation Committee and the Hunterdon County Engineer's office to discuss ideas and a layout for the proposed recreation field south of the South County Park. There will be another meeting in July which the Recreation Committee hopes to attend. Mr. Fick reported on South County Soccer and the fact that he has not received estimates from them on field repair.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Robbi noted there were no members of the public present; Vice Chairman Ginman made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Wang-Iverson, and approved by all to close the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Committeeman Wang-Iverson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cannelongo, and unanimously approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Scott Bauman

Scott Bauman, PP, AICP
FOSPC Administrator & Recording Secretary
June 17, 2014