

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2013**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Committee Chair
	Dick Ginman	Vice Chair
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historical Preservation Liaison

Members

Absent:	Fred Gardner	Committee Member and Planning Board Liaison
	Pat Cregar	Committee Member and Mayor's Designee

Alternates

Present:	Peter Fick	Alternate 1
	Joan Sank	Alternate 2

Liaisons

Present:	Kit Crisafulli	Agricultural Advisory Committee Liaison
	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission Liaison

Others:	Judy Conard	Administrator
	Christine Rosikiewicz	Secretary

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m.

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH** the Open Public Meetings Act, Ms. Conard noted that this is a regular meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 31, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On March 6, 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.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Ginman made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Cannelongo seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

**Mr. Ginman made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Ms. Cannelongo seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING held February 13, 2013:**

**Mr. Ginman made a motion to approve the February 13, 2013 meeting minutes; Ms. Cannelongo seconded it. All were in favor; the February 13, 2013 minutes were approved.**

### **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

There was one addition to the bills of the evening: \$59.76 for 300 fliers for the GreenFest.

**A motion was made D. Ginman to pay the bills as listed on the agenda, second by Ms. Cannelongo. All were in favor; the motion carried.**

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Ms. Robbi had an addition under New Business for a recommendation, if FOSPC approves, for a resolution supporting continued sustainable state funding for preservation and stewardship of open space, parks, farmland and historic sites.

### **ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Conard reported on the Administrator's report as follows:

- Scibilia: There have been some additional demands and there are continued problems; Ms. Conard referred to the Active Property Update she provided in the member's packets. The Township attorney has been involved and Township Committee is aware of the status. The easement on the driveway is in question.
- Hay: Received certified value; the offer letter was sent on March 6<sup>th</sup> for Ms. Hay's signature. FOSPC needs to request final funding from the Township Committee for the Township share. The final contract for purchase is sent after funding approvals.
- Perkovich: Stephanie Miller has the application for this 70 acre property. The Township Committee has a request to support purchase of these easements on their March 14 agenda. Township approval is required when the SADC makes a direct purchase of property in the Township.
- Plimpton: Mr. Ginman, the appraiser, Green Acres and D&R will walk this site on March 14. The appraisal will be received in two to three weeks.
- ADA: Letters were sent to three landowners to ask if they would like to be added to the ADA. Mr. Ginman explained that the owners must agree to be in the ADA but inclusion does not commit them to preservation.
- Other properties: The Committee briefly discussed other possible properties for preservation.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- GreenFest: The exhibit for FOSPC was discussed. A chronological list of preserved farms will be included beginning with the first one in 1989. The funding of preservation and trails in the Township was discussed. Logistics for the program such as tables, refreshments and signage were discussed. Several people will set up on Friday afternoon.
- Update on Budget Process: There was no new information. The Open Space debt and the possibility of consolidating the debt were briefly discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Memorandum of Understanding between NJ Parks and Forestry and East Amwell regarding the Rambling Pines trail: Mr. Ginman reported that this final draft was approved by the Township Committee. This is the first step on this trail project. State approval is needed next. Mr. Robbi said this trail is in the planning stages and he is looking for volunteers.

Resolution supporting continued sustainable state funding for preservation and stewardship of open space, parks, farmland and historic sites in New Jersey: Ms. Robbi provided copies of a sample County Resolution to the Committee. If the Committee is in agreement Township Committee will be asked to pass this resolution. Various funding sources were discussed. Bills currently in legislature were mentioned and hearing have been held. Ten counties, Farm Bureau, Hunterdon County and the NJ League of Municipalities have supported this resolution.

**Mr. Ginman made a motion to support this resolution; Ms. Sank seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

Ms. Robbi will forward the resolution to Township Committee and request their approval.

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

- Historic Preservation: Ms. Cannelongo reported that the Committee is waiting to hear from the County regarding Clawson House.
- Planning Board: The next Planning Board meeting is Wednesday; there was no report as Mr. Gardner was absent.
- Agricultural Advisory: Mr. Crisafulli said the AAC went over its plans for GreenFest. He reported on discussions about the roles of AAC and FOSPC. AAC will focus on the new farmland assessment standards at GreenFest. ACC would like to contribute to the Township more; it was noted that in other townships AAC fulfills the role that FOSPC does in East Amwell. Ms. Robbi explained that FOSPC was formed ten years ago as preservation was previously handled by individuals. She expressed that the FOSPC Administrator makes a difference in what FOSPC gets done and how agencies view FOSPC.
- Environmental Committee: Mr. Robbi reported that ANJAC announced it will award open space grants to environmental commissions; the Environmental Commission will apply for a grant for the Omick trail development.

- Recreation Committee: C. Rosikiewicz reported that the Committee had to cancel the reorganization meeting in February due to lack of quorum. Mr. Fick with call Ms. Zengel regarding the parkland fields.

**Ms. Cannelongo made a motion that FOSPC recommend to Township Committee that it be required that each sports league send a delegate to the Recreation Committee including Amwell Attitude, AVLBL, SCSL and possibly Field Hockey. Ms. Sank seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed and will be forwarded to Township Committee.**

**REPORTS:**

NJ Conservation Foundation annual Land Rally held March 9<sup>th</sup>: Ms. Robbi and Mr. Robbi attended this event. Ms. Robbi commented favorably about the event including getting together with people involved in preservation and the opportunity for networking.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

List of FOSPC members and liaisons for 2013: Let Ms. Conard know if there are any errors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

**CADB:** The CADB meeting is Thursday, March 14.

**SADC:** The SADC meeting is March 28.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Ginman made a motion to open to the public; Ms. Cannelongo seconded it. All were in favor the motion passed.**

**Being no public present Ms. Cannelongo made a motion to close to the public; Mr. Ginman seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. by motion of Ms. Cannelongo, second by Ms. Sank and carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Christine Rosikiewicz, Secretary