

**EAST AMWELL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2023
EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE & STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The reorganization meeting of the East Amwell Agricultural Advisory Committee began at 7:05 p.m. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was published in the March 3, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of this agenda was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, posted on the bulletin board and township website.

ATTENDANCE – ROLL CALL

2023 ATTENDANCE

| Agricultural Advisory Committee Member | 1/18/2023 | 2/15/2023 | 3/15/2023 | 4/19/2023 | 5/17/2023 | 6/21/2023 | 7/19/2023 | 8/16/2023 | 9/20/2023 | 10/18/2023 | 11/15/2023 | 12/20/2023 | |
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| Kit Crisafulli | X | | | | No Meeting Scheduled | No Meeting Scheduled | | | | | | | |
| Bill duFosse | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Mills - TC Liaison | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Mills | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christian Mirabito - Chair | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Perehyns – Vice Chair | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amy Jo Merz, Secretary | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |

NEW BUSINESS – REORGANIZATION

Ms. Merz asked for nominations for Chairperson. Bill duFosse nominated Christian Mirabito as Chair. Mr. Mirabito accepted the nomination and Kit Crisafulli seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. All in favor.

Ms, Merz asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Kit Crisafulli nominated John Perehyns as Vice Chair. Mr. Perehyns accepted the nomination and Bill duFosse seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. All in favor.

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion made by Kit Crisafulli and seconded by John Pehinys to approve the Committee's 2023 meeting schedule was unanimously approved with no objections or abstentions. It was noted per Chair Mirabito that no meetings would be held during May and June due to it being hay season. The Committee will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM as follows: February 15, March 15, April 19, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20, 2023.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no items to add to the agenda.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

September 21, 2022 Minutes – A motion made by John Pehinys, seconded by Bill duFosse to approve the September minutes was unanimously approved by voice vote

December 21, 2022 Minutes – A motion made by John Pehinys, seconded by Kit Crisafulli to approve the December minutes was unanimously approved by voice vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing no members of the public present, a motion made by John Pehinys, seconded by Bill duFosse to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

REPORTS

1. FOSPC – Mike Mills was not present tonight. Ms. Merz stated that FOSPC had their reorganization meeting on January 9th. The committee's focus is to continue working on updating the Township's farmland preservation plan. Kit Crisafulli asked who has the final say on approving the plan once it's finished; he thought it might be the Planning Board. He asked if SADC could be contacted to ask them what the process is. Ms. Merz said she would follow-up with SADC to ask who has final approval.
2. CADB Meeting – John Pehinys reported that the County's updated farmland plan was reviewed and it was finalized and should be made available to the public soon on their website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Deer Management – Kit Crisafulli stated that they had logistic issues with getting the HHH trailer for summer hunting last year. He mentioned if planning/discussions are started earlier this year, maybe by April/May, there will be adequate time to coordinate getting the trailer in place for July. The goal is to get as many properties and hunters as possible to participate in the hunt. One issue is that all people who would be hunting on a particular property need to be added to the depredation permit application prior to submitting the application, people cannot be added after submittal of the application. It was suggested by Chuck Bacon to reach out to hunters and clubs now to gauge their interest in participating. Kit Crisafulli said he can coordinate with HHH to secure a trailer for July, then they just need to get the word out to everyone that can and would like to participate.
2. Master Plan Discussion (land use plan element) – Kit Crisafulli and John Mills stated that they

were kicked off the Planning Board but they listened to the last meeting held and the update was that the Board was going to begin writing the Valley portion of the master plan.

3. Farmland Preservation Plan – was mentioned during the FOSPC update above. Ms. Merz added that FOSPC and Ag need to read through the current plan and let her know what language or content needs to be changed and she can make the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing no members of the public present, a motion made by John Perehinys, seconded by Bill duFosse to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion made by Kit Crisafulli, seconded by Bill duFosse to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Jo Merz
Secretary, Agricultural Advisory Committee