

**EAST AMWELL FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PERSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 11, 2021  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NEW JERSEY**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee (FOSPC) began at 7:31 p.m. Notice of this meeting was published in the December 17, 2020 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On December 29, 2020 notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk's Office, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and posted on the municipal bulletin board.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Fullerton read the Open Public Meeting Notice and took the roll call.

**2021 ATTENDANCE**

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee Members	1/11/21	2/8/21	3/8/21	4/12/21	5/10/21	6/14/21	7/12/21	8/9/21	9/13/21	10/11/21	11/8/21	12/13/21
<b>Rick Wolfe</b>	X											
<b>Erica Johanson</b>	X*											
<b>Tom Jarick</b>	X											
<b>Michael Mills</b>	X											

*Others present: Katherine Fullerton as recording secretary \*arrived at 7:40*

**REORGANIZATION**

Ms. Fullerton asked for updates on Committee Liaisons. Mr. Wolfe mentioned that the Township Committee may be reviewing the FOSPC ordinance regarding the Liaisons in order to make the committee more focused on preservation. Once all the members were in attendance, Ms. Fullerton asked for nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Wolfe nominated Mr. Mills as Chair. Ms. Johanson seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. All in favor.

Ms. Fullerton asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Wolfe nominated Ms. Johanson as Vice Chair. She accepted the nomination and Mr. Mills seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. All in favor.

All were in favor for continuing to meet on the Second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be February 8, 2021.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was open to the public for comments. There was no public.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

After a review of the minutes, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to accept the October 12, 2020 minutes as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Jarick. All in favor.

## **BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

There were no bills for approval.

## **REPORTS**

### **Administrator's Report**

The Martin/Maresca property bordered with Delaware Township closed at the end of December. There had been some issues for preservation, so it was a lengthy process for preservation. Ms. Fullerton reviewed the Open Space Trust Fund account. There have not been any unusual charges, although the payment for the Martin/Maresca preservation was taken out of the Open Space Trust Fund. Ms. Fullerton mentioned that there is an administrative fund for FOSPC, which was used for printing costs for the annual report FOSPC would send out with the tax bill. This fund could be reduced, since FOSPC is not mailing annual reports any more.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Potential Farmland Preservation  
None of the Committee members had any updates for preservation recommendations. It was noted that both the Higgins phase 2 and the Wertsville Industries properties have closed. Ms. Fullerton also announced that in reviewing the total open space acreage, the Township is now at closer to 45% of the total Township as preserved. Ms. Johanson mentioned an article from NJCF promoting preservation in East Amwell in their recent mailer. Ms. Fullerton also commented that Lisa MacCollum is eager to preserve the Hillsborough property discussed in September.
2. Kanach Thomas Application Block 21 Lot 13  
The Thomas Farm was granted Final Approval at the SADC meeting in December. The County has conducted a title search in late December. Ms. Fullerton has sent out four requests for quotes from surveyors. The two lowest bids were from Bohren and Bohren and Harris Surveying. The FOSPC members chose Bohren and Bohren. Once the survey is submitted, SADC will have final changes, so full payment is not made until SADC accepts the final survey.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Farmland Preservation Plan  
Ms. Fullerton announced that she has worked on a revised version of the Farmland Preservation Plan. It is less analytical, and more of a story about East Amwell. Ms. Fullerton will send a copy to Tam Lee.
2. Joan McGee  
Ms. Fullerton had sent out a map of Ms. McGee's property at Block 38 Lot 20, which is approximately 3 acres and has approximately \$350 of taxes annually. Ms. McGee sent

Ms. Fullerton an email stating that she does not want to pay taxes any longer and would like to donate the property to the Township. D&R Greenway preserved the property in 1999. D&R is willing to own the property. The Township does not want to maintain the property or have the liability of ownership. The FOSPC members were united in not wanting to accept the donation of this property. Ms. Fullerton will let Ms. McGee know that the Township is not interested and see if she can work with D&R Greenway.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary  
\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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