

**EAST AMWELL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2022
EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE & STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The meeting of the East Amwell Agricultural Advisory Committee began at 7:02 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

2022 ATTENDANCE

Agricultural Advisory Committee Member	1/19/2022	2/16/2022	3/16/2022	4/20/2022	5/18/2022	6/15/2022	7/20/2022	8/17/2022	9/21/2022	10/19/2022	11/16/2022	12/21/2022			
Kit Crisafulli	Meeting Cancelled – no quorum	X	X	X	No Meeting Scheduled	No Meeting Scheduled	X	Meeting Cancelled – no quorum	A	X					
Ann del Campo (resigned 2/16/22)															
Bill duFosse		X	X	X						X		A	X		
Michael Mills		X	X	X						A		X	A		
Christian Mirabito					X				X	X	X				
John Perehyns		X	X	X			X			X	X				
John Mills (TC Liaison)		X	X	X			X			A	A				
Amy Jo Merz, Secretary		AM	AM	AM			A			AM	AM				

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no items to add to the agenda.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

July 20, 2022 Minutes – A motion made by John Perehyns, seconded by Christian Mirabito to approve the July minutes was unanimously approved by voice vote.

September 21, 2022 Minutes – Approval of the September minutes was tabled to the next meeting; not all members who attended the September meeting were present tonight to vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion made by Christian Mirabito, seconded by Bill duFosse to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote. 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 absent tonight; no new FOSPC updates. Chair Crisafulli mentioned that AAC and FOSPC would like to have a shared meeting in the near future to discuss the Farmland Preservation Plan.
2. CADB Meeting – John Pehinys reported the County is currently working on their Master Plan. He also mentioned there was a hearing regarding Right to Farm issues with a vineyard located in Raritan Township that occurred at the October 13th CADB meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Deer Management – no new updates but Chair Crisafulli mentioned there are large numbers of coyotes everywhere, which is probably helping a bit to reduce the deer population.
2. Master Plan Discussion (land use plan element) – Chair Crisafulli stated that the Planning Board's focus group sessions for the Village/Highway have completed. The next focus group sessions would be for the Valley. Chair Crisafulli will reach out to Tim Willey to get more information, dates, etc.
3. Farmland Preservation Plan – no new updates.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Crisafulli stated the committee still currently receives The Farm Bureau weekly newsletters. Ms. Merz mentioned there are brochures available in the municipal building lobby regarding deer management, distributed by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. The committee thought it would be a good idea to put this information on the AAC web page as well.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion made by John Perehinys, seconded by Christian Mirabito to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Jo Merz
Secretary, Agricultural Advisory Committee