

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 10, 2010**

Members

Present:	Glorianne Robbi	Chair
	Richard Ginman	Vice Chair
	Kat Cannelongo	Committee Member and Historic Preservation Liaison
	Joan Sank	Alternate II
	Pat Cregar	Township Committee-Mayors Designee

Liaisons

Present:	Toni Robbi	Environmental Commission
	Angelo Lovisa	Recreation Committee

Others

	Judy Conard	Administrator
	Martha Pittore	Secretary
	Tracy Carluccio	Chair, BOH (arrived 7:45 p.m.-left 8:00 p.m.)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is a regular meeting of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the January 21, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On May 6, 2010 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: Glorianne Robbi opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Dick Ginman to close the meeting to the public, second by Kat Cannelongo. Motion carried.

Glorianne Robbi stated David Carter, a former Township Committee member, recently passed away. Mr. Carter was an advocate for advancing the township's goals on preserving farmland and open space and was instrumental in the formation of the Farmland & Open Space Preservation Committee. A letter of condolence will be sent to the Carter family on behalf of FOSPC.

MINUTES OF MEETING held April 12, 2010. A Motion was made by Dick Ginman to approve the minutes as written, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried with Glorianne Robbi abstaining.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Motion made by Dick Ginman to pay bills as listed on the agenda, second by Kat Cannelongo and carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Liaison Report Recreation Committee: County Site Walk Angelo Lovisa

ACTIVE PROPERTIES UPDATE/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: In addition to the written report Ms. Conard reported as follows:

Rynearson: Mrs. Rynearson is obtaining a cost estimate on the driveway work. Judy will follow-up accordingly.

Zuegner: Three out of the four survey bids have been received. Survey work will move forward shortly. (See further remarks under Old & New Business)

Lanwin Development Corp/Bryce Thompson: D & R continues to work with Bryce Thompson.

Petrolino/Bl. 33, lot 16: Judy spoke with Mr. Petrolino regarding possible preservation. Mr. Petrolino stated he will inform Judy if he is interested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Farmland Plan: Judy stated she, Glorianne and Dick worked on revisions to Chapter 3. Revisions to Chapter 2 are almost complete. The plan should be ready to submit to SADC by May 21.

OLD BUSINESS

Memo to Township Committee: Judy stated she has prepared a memo to present to the Township Committee that will be discussed in Executive Session. Dick and Judy will attend the Township Committee meeting on May 13, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration budget: The budget for FOSPC was introduced as part of the larger budget on April 26, 2010. FOSPC noted minor cuts were made to the administrative budget.

Annual Report process with map and narrative: FOSPC reviewed the list of ideas for the 2010 report discussed by the committee after publication of the 2009 report. Kat Cannelongo agreed to work on a narrative draft. Judy will work on the map. The report will be sent out with the tax bills in July.

Meeting with Green Acres: Judy stated that she and Dick Ginman attended a pre-appraisal meeting held on April 27, 2010 with representatives from Green Acres and D & R Greenway. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various preservation projects in the Sourlands. FOSPC discussed the following parcels: Carluccio/Thompson, Johanson, Zoffinger, Polhemus, Parsons and Lang. FOSPC agreed to check with the landowners first to see if they are interested in preservation before moving ahead with appraisals. Judy was asked to contact Johanson and Polhemus. Glorianne Robbi stated she will speak with Parsons.

Carluccio/Thompson: block 35, lot 63: Dick Ginman stated this property was discussed with Green Acres as to potential acquisition. He asked Tracy Carluccio if she would be interested in preservation. Tracy expressed interest and reminded FOSPC that the property is owned jointed with Bryce Thompson. FOSPC asked Tracy to discuss a possible with sale with Mr. Thompson to see if he is interested. Tracy agreed to do this and will report back to the committee.

Federal Ranch Lands Protection Program: Judy stated she was notified by Stefanie Miller, at SADC that the Zuegner property qualifies for grant funding provided by the Federal Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRLPP) administered by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Judy met with Mr. and Mrs. Zuegner on May 7 to discuss the program. Mr. and Mrs. Zuegner indicated they will speak with their attorney. Judy stated she will call NRCS for a general outline of rules and regulations on conservation plans.

LIAISON REPORTS

- **Planning Board/Ag Advisory:** No reports were made.
- **Environmental Commission:** Toni Robbi reported that he and Tracy Carluccio represent East Amwell on the Sourland Municipal Alliance (SMA). Formation of the Alliance was recommended in the Comprehensive Management Plan written by Banisch Associates with assistance provided by Conservation Resources Inc., Stony Brook Watershed Associates and the Sourland Planning Council. The SMA task is to develop and advocate for regulatory and non-regulatory actions needed to protect the mountain as a sensitive area. Toni stated he and Tracy attended the first meeting held on April 29, 2010. The townships in the Sourland Region were represented, except for Hopewell and Hillsborough Township, who have yet to make appointments.
- **Recreation Committee:** Angelo Lovisa stated he is working on a preliminary drawing to outline how the property across from the Fair Grounds (located in West Amwell) could be developed for joint use by both East Amwell and West Amwell for ball fields. The need exists for three soccer fields and three baseball fields, with parking. After the draft plan is complete, he will continue discussions with West Amwell and the County.
- **Historic Preservation:** Kat Cannelongo reported that the application for design awards was distributed. The date to submit nominations is July 30, 2010. The “Good Old School Days” round table discussion will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at East Amwell School. A power point demonstration will be included and refreshments provided.

REPORTS

Noted as listed on agenda with no further comments

CORRESPONDENCE

Noted as listed on agenda with no further comments

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee
Minutes of meeting held May 10, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CADB meeting May 13, 2010: Kat Cannelongo will attend.

SADC meeting on May 27, 2010: Glorianne Robbi will attend.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair opened the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Kat Cannelongo to close to the public with a second by Dick Ginman. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m. on a motion by Dick Ginman, second by Pat Cregar. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Pittore

Secretary