

**MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 20, 2021**

ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619676377>

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

The meeting of the East Amwell Agricultural Advisory Committee began at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was published in the December 17, 2020 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. On January 7, 2021 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 AND FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Fullerton read the Open Public Meeting Notice and took the roll call. Ms. Castellano introduced Mr. Mills from the Township Committee who is the Liaison for the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

**2021 ATTENDANCE**

Agricultural Advisory Committee Member	1/20/2021												
Kit Crisafulli	X												
Ann del Campo	X												
Bill duFosse	X												
Michael Mills*	X												
John Perehynys	A												
John Mills (Liaison)	X												
Secretary	KF												

*Others present: Katherine Fullerton as recording secretary, John Mills as Township Committee Liaison, and Alison Castellano \*arrived at 7:10*

**REORGANIZATION**

While waiting for all members to log onto the Zoom meeting, Ms. Fullerton confirmed that all members were in favor for continuing to meet on the Third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be February 17, 2021.

Ms. Fullerton asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Crisafulli nominated Ms. del Campo as Vice Chair. She accepted the nomination and Mr. duFosse seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. All in favor.

Ms. Fullerton asked for nominations for Chairperson. Ms. del Campo nominated Mr. Mills as

Chair. Mr. Mills accepted the nomination and Mr. duFosse seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. All in favor.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

After a review of the minutes, Ms. del Campo made a motion to accept the October 21, 2020 minutes as presented, which was seconded by Mr. du Fosse. All in favor. There was a discussion regarding the topic of agritourism and the Township porta-potty policy. Ms. Fullerton offered to check with the Township Board of Health secretary regarding the 9-month limit.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

### **REPORTS**

#### **1. Updates from FOSPC**

The Thomas Farm was granted Final Approval at the SADC meeting in December. The County conducted a title search in late December. Ms. Fullerton has sent out requests for quotes from surveyors, and FOSPC has chosen Bohren and Bohren.

#### **2. Updates from CADB meeting**

Mr. Perehinys was not in attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **3. Update on Bulletin Board for Farming Resources.**

The Committee discussed a proposal to add a directory of farmers to the Township website. This directory would be interactive in terms of what is offered for sale at each farm, but it would not be a communication between farmer, customers, and farm helpers. The Committee is looking for a way to have a give and take communication to alert residents of farming needs, or farmers of community needs. Ms. Castellano recommended using either the Township FaceBook site, or creating an East Amwell farming FaceBook site that would post to all three of the Township FaceBook sites, in order to maximize coverage. The official Township Facebook site has more than 1,500 members, while the other two have fewer members. Even with overlap, posting to all three groups would alert a large portion of the Township.

As part of this discussion, Ms. del Campo mentioned that there has been a black bear in the area that has been damaging property. This is a huge risk for animal farmers. Ms. del Campo had found a good article from Popular Science that Ms. Fullerton had posted on the AAC section of the Township website. Ms. Castellano offered to post that article in the newflash section of the website.

#### **4. Farmland Preservation Plan revisions**

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. Comments are welcome.

**5. Planning Board Farm Project Status Update**

The presentation on the Farm Project for January 28 was discussed. It sounds like there

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will be many people in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Update on Farmer Services List**

Ms. Fullerton reiterated that if there are comments regarding farm services, either for the Farm Project or for the Farmland Preservation Plan, she and Tam Lee would be happy to hear them.

**2. Agritourism and Special Occasion Events**

Ms. Fullerton commented that the SADC has not discussed Special Occasion Events on preserved farms for almost a year. It is not a priority, due to the pandemic.

**3. Oaths of Office**

Ms. del Campo reminded Ms. Fullerton about the oaths of office. Ms. Fullerton let the members know that they could sign the oaths now and either scan them or drop them off at the municipal building, or members could stop by the municipal building and sign the oath there.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no public.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion made by Ms. del Campo, seconded by Mr. Mills, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50p.m. All in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

