

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7, 2010**  
**7:00PM**

**Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Agriculture Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10P.M. Chairwoman Sandra McNicol called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on January 8, 2010. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on January 8, 2010.

**Roll Call**

Open Space Advisory Committee

Present: Sandra McNicol  
Phil Lubitz  
Richard Dodds  
James Burke  
Lee Frank  
John Mathieu (arrived at 7:15PM)

Absent: None

Agriculture Advisory Committee

Present: Elaine Niemann  
Cynthia Niciecki  
William Pandy  
Ed Kralovich

Absent: Pete D'Costa

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion and approval of the September 9, 2010 Open Space Advisory Committee/Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

2.

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by James Burke and carried to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2010 Open Space Advisory Committee/Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting.

Comments: It was suggested to spell out BANS - Bond Anticipated Notes on page #5 of the minutes.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- S. McNicol, R. Dodds, J. Burke, L. Frank, E. Niemann, C. Niciecki, W. Pandy, E. Kralovich
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- P. Lubitz
	Absent	- J. Mathieu, P. D'Costa

### **Correspondence**

Copy of a Letter Dated Sept 23, 2010 from the Hunterdon County Planning Board re: Open Space Preservation Fund Program

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol reviewed.

Copy of a Letter re: Felix II Farmland Funding 2010

Farmland Preservation Coordinator Liz Schmid was present and reviewed the letter. She noted that an option agreement has been sent to the owners.

### **Reports**

Farmland Preservation - Liz Schmid  
(Report for September 9, 2010)

Liz Schmid reported that she did not have a report this month. She noted that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Attendees for Farmland Status Meetings/September 15, 2010

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol reviewed. Liz Schmid reported that she was not in the area to attend the September meeting.

3.

Sandra McNicol handed out several resolutions, which were passed by the Township Committee. She explained that the resolutions were regarding properties of families that have expressed interest in preserving their farms in the future.

### Old Business

#### Fall Hike October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM - Preserved Farm

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol noted that the fall hike will take place at the Augustine Preserved Farm on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 1:00PM - 3:00PM. She stated that it is a beautiful farm of 62 acres, which was preserved in 2009. She noted that the directions and parking instructions are available on the flyer she made. The flyer is available inside the municipal offices, and also on the web site.

#### Preservation Signs

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol explained that the sign will have a beige background with blue letters, 24 x 36 inches routed in size. She stated that there are two options for the price of the sign, either \$101.00 to have the sign routed and \$76.25 without it routed. Mrs. McNicol asked the committee members for their opinion. The Committee members had a brief discussion, and they decided that Sandra should order a routed sign for \$101.00. They all agreed that she should only order one sign to see how it turns out first before ordering additional signs

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried to approve to purchase a Preserved routed sign in the amount of no more than \$110.00 for the Ukarish Property.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- S. McNicol, R. Dodds, J. Burke, L. Frank, P. Lubitz J. Mathieu, E. Niemann, C. Niciecki, W. Pandy, E. Kralovich
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- P. D'Costa

4.

Bob Olsen re: Lockatong Wildlife Management Area Sign

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol noted that this was discussed last month. She noted that this is regarding a sign for the Lockatong Wildlife Management Area. Sandra noted that she has spoken to Mr. Olsen who stated that he will put Kingwood at the top of his list to order a sign for that area.

Hunterdon Land Trust - Activity update

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol stated that the Kugler Woods will be discussed under New Business.

Open Space Recreation Plan Element for Master Plan

- Draft
- Kingwood OS Plan Figures 1-11 Maps

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol asked if anyone had any other additional comments to add to the plan. Richard Dodds noted that additional work needs to be done on several of the maps, and also the open space by ownership of type. He reviewed several items he feels needs to be corrected. Sandra McNicol explained that this will be reviewed further at a hearing scheduled at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Solar Energy Ordinance

- Map from the ERI Showing the soils of the Twp.
- Draft AMP for Comment 9-23-2010
- Solar Wind BioMass QA Final 8-3-2010
- Chapter 213 Energy Farm Law

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol reviewed a hearing that took place for the solar energy ordinance at the Township Committee meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She explained that there were many comments and suggestions from the audience. Sandra explained several aspects of the ordinance. She stated that the ordinance has been tabled at this time and it has been referred to the Township's Planning Board for continued review.

5.

The Open Space Advisory Committee suggested that a letter be written to the Planning Board, asking them to support the recommendations from the S.A.D.C. Sandra McNicol thanked everyone for the suggestions and comments discussing this ordinance.

Elaine Niemann noted that she would like to see the Ag Committee write a letter to the S.A.D.C. in support of their recommendations.

### **New Business**

Karen Hertzog a resident of Kingwood Township was present at the meeting to participate and learn what the Committees discuss.

She has expressed interest in joining the Open Space Advisory Committee. Everyone thanked Mrs. Hertzog for coming to the meeting, and they expressed that they look forward to having her serve with the Open Space Committee.

### **Kugler Woods MOA draft**

Chairwoman Sandra McNicol noted that Kate Buttolph was present to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement for the Kugler Woods. Richard Dodds noted that this is a follow-up on the discussions that they have had with the Land Trust. He explained that this stems from a project that was started approximately three years ago, which involves properties along the Delaware River that are owned by the State with no public access. Richard Dodds thanked the Hunterdon Land Trust, because it enables us to get involved. He named several of the properties, which are located at the bottom of Route 651 and Route 29. The properties consist of the Trap Rock Property, the Mergot Property and the Martin Property that are all part of the Kugler Woods. He explained to everyone that in order to be able to do any kind of trail making or other things on the property, they must enter a Memorandum of Agreement. Kate Buttolph was present and reviewed how they are working together with Frenchtown and Kingwood to indemnify for things to be done on the properties.

6.

She suggested that the Open Space Committee write a letter to the Township Committee asking them to support this Memorandum of Agreement regarding the properties along the river on Route 29.

It was moved by Richard Dodds, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to approve that the Open Space Advisory Committee write a letter to the Township Committee recommending they support to move forward with the Memorandum of Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- S. McNicol, R. Dodds, J. Burke, L. Frank, P. Lubitz J. Mathieu
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- None
	Absent	- None

**Public Comment - Privilege of the Floor**

Sandra Search who is a resident of Kingwood Township was present at the meeting to express her interest in preserving her property. She was recommended by the Committees to meet with Liz Schmid, Open Space/Farmland Preservation Coordinator to discuss filling out an application for Farmland Preservation. Liz Schmid was present and reviewed the process with Sandra Search.

**Other Matters**

**Adjournment**

It was moved by James Burke, seconded by Phil Lubitz and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38PM. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,  
Secretary