

**BEDMINSTER OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE  
APRIL 14, 2015 REGULAR MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Present: Grania Allport, Jim Jones, Staci Santucci (Township Committee), Art Stappenbeck (Environmental Commission)

Absent: Jason Andris, Deonne Boxer

The minutes of the March open session and executive session were approved.

The committee noted the passing of Mrs. Betty Merck and her importance, not only to this committee, but to preservation within the entire Raritan Watershed. In addition, Jon Gibson has tendered his resignation from the committee and his long-standing service was noted with appreciation.

The committee discussed a list of potential members to replace Mrs. Merck and Mr. Gibson.

The planned May 6 joint meeting with the Environmental Commission will be our only meeting for the month of May 2015.

Appreciation was expressed to Grania and George Allport for the wonderful afternoon tea we enjoyed at their home following a very productive March 29th tour of the ROSI properties.

Judy's Sullivan's March 30 response to Deonne Boxer's summary and action points of the ROSI tour were discussed. Grania plans a follow-up conversation with Ms. Sullivan:

- 1) If permitted by the Township, a portion of our funds will be used to fix the dog park fence if no alternative funding can be identified.
- 2) The general consensus was that instituting a dog park fee would be desirable.
- 3) A plaque is to be provided at the burial grounds by the County.
- 4) Pricing for an "open" roofing system should be obtained for the old milk house at Stahl.
- 5) Grania will ask Ms. Sullivan to request that Public Works install a rip-rap at the Hyde property to mitigate water runoff from the street.

Grania suggested that a letter be sent to our current list of open space / preservation prospects directing those who might be eligible for PIG grants to view our website for details and information on available grants. Staci also

suggested that the letter be used to encourage new participants to volunteer for this committee. A further suggestion was made that the letter also mention the high ratio of preserved land in Bedminster as compared to total Township acreage.

With regard to the budget, Grania indicated that we are still awaiting a determination as to whether the use of organic fertilizers is cost-effective.

The public session was then adjourned at 7:35 PM and the committee proceeded to executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Jones