

# HOPEWELL VALLEY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 15, 2009 Minutes

## Attending:

HVOSAC: Pat Sziber (Chair), Michael Dawson, Alan Hershey, Judy Jengo, Carol Kleis, David Lennon, Sharen Popkin

Hopewell Township: Mike Markulec

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

The November minutes were approved, with edits.

**GSPT Funding** – Ms. Sziber noted that Governor Corzine, in his state of the state speech, spoke about the need for open space funding being on the ballot in November 2009.

## **HVOSAC Plans for 2009 –**

Mr. Markulec explained that a majority of the 2 cents collected by Hopewell Township via its open space tax goes to debt service. He added that they are AA rated, and thus would do well if they were to issue bonds. He noted that the new 1 cent is not yet committed.

Ms. Sziber shared that FOHVOS will be sending letters providing information about the tax advantages of preservation to those with greater than 25 acres (26 property owners in Hopewell Township). The current list totals 3,202 acres. The list was discussed in some detail in closed session.

**Public Session** – No members of the public were present.

## **Closed Session**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.