

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

January 10, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Open Space Committee meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Jeff Lapp at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Open Space Committee members Donna DiMella, Charlie Moyer, Joe Salvadore, Jeanne Scanlon, and Sandy Williamson. Two Hilltown Township residents were also in attendance.

Public Inquiry: An inquiry by Township residents led to a lengthy discussion of the idea of neighbors' coordinating their individual applications to place conservation easements on small contiguous properties in a high-priority district.

Election of Officers: The Committee moved and voted unanimously to elect Jeff Lapp as Chairman, Charlie Moyer as Vice Chairman and Jeanne Scanlon as Secretary for 2006.

Charlie updated the Committee on his work to draft terms for an agreement in response to a Hilltown Township resident's November 2005 inquiry into selling development rights.

The Committee discussed the benefit/burden for the Township in accepting donations of conservation easements for tax purposes.

Jeff said he would invite Ken Bennington and the Supervisors to the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to get their guidance on: writing the new Open Space Plan, including creating an updated map of protected land; coordinating conservation efforts with the Supervisors, Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Committee upon the Township's receipt of a Development Plan; and communicating with residents inquiring into selling development rights or property to the Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.