



**COLTS NECK FARMLAND PRESERVATION
AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Farmland and Open Space Committee

4/14/14

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Ed Eastman, III, David Barclay, John Jacoby and Richard Rehm
Absent: Liaison Michael Fitzgerald (excused), Brian Grant (excused), Thomas Morin (excused) and Al Yodakis

On a motion by Mr. Jacoby, and seconded by Mr. Rehm, the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business

The Target List was reviewed. The 28.4 acre farm on South Street has gone on the market. Mr. Rehm will approach the owner again about preserving this property as farmland. The 28.8 acre property at Five Point Road and Maplecrest Lane abuts the soccer fields at Five Point Park. Mr. Rehm will approach the owner again about preserving this property as open space. The owner of Wellspring lives in Florida and appears not to have high motivation to preserve the land. The largest targeted owner is represented by an attorney in California, and his motivation is unclear.

Mr. Jacoby presented copies of the recruitment letter that was sent by James Stuart in 2012 to individual landowners. The record indicates that there was only one response. Mr. Eastman requested that new letters be drafted as an invitation to target list landowners to a seminar, as well as a clarification of the new farmland tax assessment regulations. Mr. Jacoby suggested that a representative from the State Agriculture Board and a representative from the County Agriculture Board be invited to speak at the seminar. Mr. Rehm offered to speak with a contact he knows who might agree to sponsor the seminar.

Liaison Report

Mr. Jacoby advised the assembly of the time and location of Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board meetings.

New Business

Mr. Jacoby will draft a bulletin for review at the next meeting. Mr. Eastman remarked that Mr. Jacoby should include in the bulletin a list of high-value crops that might be grown to meet the new farmland tax regulations.

On a motion by Mr. Rehm, and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary