



COLTS NECK FARMLAND PRESERVATION
AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Farmland and Open Space Committee	1/10/11	Meeting Minutes
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Attended by: Chairperson Richard Malinowski, Liaison Ed Eastman, Patrick Gilmore, John Jacoby, Thomas Orgo, and Richard Rehm Absent: Brian Grant (excused), Thomas Morin (excused), Virginia Mumford and Pat Polgar
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Chairperson Malinowski called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. On a motion by Mr. Jacoby, and seconded by Mr. Rehm, the minutes of the September 13, 2010 and the minutes of the November 10, 2010 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Mr. Malinowski reported that Mauro's is the only current application. Mr. Orgo is under the impression that Mauro has withdrawn the application. Mr. Rehm will call Mauro to encourage continuation of the application.

Mr. Malinowski reported that due to the tax base doubling, there was a windfall of \$600,000 in 2010. He suggested paying down the Farmland Preservation note. He noted that the Township Committee is considering taking money from the fund for maintenance of recreation fields and for pond dredging. Mr. Orgo expressed a gravely negative opinion of this possibility, stating that the fund was originally intended only for farmland preservation, and that historical preservation and recreation have been added more recently. He further remarked that the fund is intended for capital, not maintenance, expenses. Mr. Malinowski suggested that, because the community has always been generous in the matter of good causes, funds might be raised charitably, as they were for the library. Mr. Rehm and Mr. Jacoby will work with Mr. Malinowski in addressing the issue of use of the fund for recreation maintenance.

Mr. Orgo suggested that it would be in the best fiscal interest of the Township to sell the Smith Farm, because the interest could be paid off in three years.

Liaison Report

None.

MCADB Report

The County has \$750,000 earmarked for farmland preservation in 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary