



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

01/12/15

Meeting Minutes

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

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Jacoby noted changes to be made to the December minutes, which were then tabled due to lack of a quorum.

**Old Business**

Mr. Eastman reported that the County has very strict guidelines for inclusion on the Target List. Crystal Brook and Beacon Hill were not included because of the quality of soils. Crystal Brook is in the process of applying for preservation, but would be eligible only at lower price points than farmland with better soil quality. If Crystal Brook is selected for preservation, a larger percentage of funding might be required of the Township. Mr. Barclay interjected that although soils can be amended and produce higher yields, the program depends entirely on the soil survey maps.

The Target List was reviewed prior to deciding which landowners should receive letters encouraging preservation. It was decided to reach out to all on the October list with the exception of two farms that are less than 20 acres, and the farm in the process of applying for preservation. Mr. Eastman remarked that once the letters have been sent, phone numbers should be obtained for follow-up calls. Mr. Eastman will ask Mr. Orgo to determine the status of the Eyres' property, which has already been subdivided once, and has submitted an application for further subdivision.

**New Business**

None.

**Liaison Report**

Mr. Jacoby noted that there is not much new at the County Agriculture Development Board.

On a motion by Mr. Barclay, and seconded by Mr. Jacoby, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary