



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

11/9/15

Meeting Minutes

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

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. On a motion by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. Yodakis, the minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

Mr. Eastman reported that he had recently spoken with Harriet Honigfeld, who advised that two independent appraisers will be needed for the deGroot property, and she will advise when they should be ordered. The deGroot application was made about three weeks ago. Mr. Eastman remarked that the property is cut in half by a Category I stream. Harriet was contacted by Vukovich, but has not heard further from him. NWS Earle may be interested in some of the Vukovich property that abuts their lands.

Mr. Eastman reported that the state still has not made a decision on Crystal Brook, with soil quality not meeting County requirements. The Schneider property soil quality is also below County requirements, but the owners are not interested in preservation at the moment. Mr. Barclay declared that the Soil Conservation Service grades soils and sets standards, and that the soil quality depends on the soil type, which does not change.

**New Business**

Mr. Jacoby wondered if the Township Committee itself is interested in preserving Crystal Brook or the Schneider property. Mr. Eastman will inquire as to the interest, and seek the answers as well to two other questions:

1. Can selling rights be restricted while in the application process?
2. If Township-preserved land is sold, do the funds revert to the Farmland Preservation fund? If not, where do the proceeds go?

**Liaison Report**

None.

On a motion by Mr. Jacoby, and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM . Next meeting will be on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary