



COLTS NECK FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Farmland and Open Space Committee

5/10/10

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairperson Richard Malinowski, John Jacoby, Virginia Mumford, Thomas Orgo, Patricia Polgar, and Richard Rehm

Chairperson Malinowski called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. On a motion by Mrs. Mumford, and seconded by Mr. Rehm, the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting were approved. On a motion by Mr. Orgo, and seconded by Mr. Rehm, the minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting were approved.

**New Business**

Mr. Malinowski reported that as much as \$900,000 may be collected toward preservation in 2010. However, the Tax Assessor said that new assessments doubled to 3.5¢, but the Township Committee wants to roll back.

**Old Business**

Mr. Malinowski reported that Harriet Honigfeld of Monmouth County Planning Board said that the State has no money for preservation, although there is an allocation of \$21 million. She will not support preservation of the Bailey Farm, because it is lacking a 50 foot frontage. She said that this farm is not on the list, but Mr. Malinowski stated that it was on the old list. He may contact State legislators regarding possible preservation of the Bailey Farm.

Ms. Honigfeld approved of the Mauro Farm for preservation. Mr. Orgo will arrange a meeting between Mr. Mauro, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Rehm and Mr. Engel.

**Liaison Report**

None.

**MCADB Report**

Mr. Jacoby reported that there is not much business occurring at the County. Rutgers has serious agricultural budget cuts. The State legislature is considering two bills. Senate Bill #1706 proposes a limit of 3,500 sq. ft. maximum for homes on preserved farmland property, to avoid "McMansions," and help define "farmer." Senate Bill #S267 proposes to assure that preserved farms continue to get farmland tax assessment. This bill may have the potential to discourage lease farming, as owners may be less likely to lease if they are otherwise protected.

On a motion by Mr. Orgo, and seconded by Mrs. Polgar, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, July 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary