



COLTS NECK FARMLAND PRESERVATION
AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Farmland and Open Space Committee

5/12/14

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Ed Eastman, III, Liaison Tom Orgo, David Barclay, Thomas Morin, Richard Rehm and Al Yodakis

Absent: Brian Grant and John Jacoby (excused)

On a motion by Mr. Rehm, and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted, Mr. Yodakis abstaining.

Old Business

Mr. Orgo reviewed the Target List in detail. This list includes farmland that has already been preserved through the program. It also includes properties that are restricted to farm or golf course by zoning or by subdivision deeds, and would thus not be eligible. Mr. Orgo stated that the list is missing smaller farms in 2-acre zoning. For example, a 20-acre property in 2-acre zoning could yield 10 lots, but a 20-acre property in 10-acre zoning could yield only two lots. The latter is therefore not eligible for the Farmland Preservation program, but the former is eligible. Mr. Orgo believes that Maida would be eligible. Mr. Barclay will call Tim Anfuso and then contact Mr. Maida. Mr. Eastman will call Mr. Anfuso and also Harriet Honigfeld at County Planning Board for an updated Target List and regulations.

Mr. Orgo reported that income from the dedicated tax is approximately \$362,000 per annum, and bond payments are currently \$250,000 per annum.

Liaison Report

Mr. Orgo reported that the Wildlife Committee will meet this month.

New Business

The new COAH rules were discussed as being not understandable. Mr. Eastman offered that the regulations should be changed to allow only one bonus lot instead of two.

On a motion by Mr. Morin, and seconded by Mr. Yodakis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, June 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary