



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

01/11/16

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Edward Eastman III, David Barclay, John Jacoby, Thomas Morin, Mike Stivala and Al Yodakis

Absent: Liaison Thomas Orgo, Jill Rocco (excused) and Richard Rehm (excused)

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. On a motion by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. Morin, the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Reorganization**

On a motion by Mr. Morin and seconded by Mr. Yodakis, Mr. Eastman was unanimously re-elected as Chairman, by a voice vote.

**Old Business**

Mr. Eastman reported that Harriet Honigfeld has sent a farmland preservation application to deGroot, but has had no answer. She will contact deGroot again shortly. The first preserved deGroot property was paid about twice what can be offered to the parcel currently under consideration, because this parcel has a Category I stream running through the middle of it.

Discussion occurred regarding the Smith property, which was purchased in fee simple by the Township, particularly regarding its possible sale. This decision would have to be made by the Township Committee, but the Farmland Preservation Committee could recommend first putting the property into farmland preservation, then selling it, thereby gaining a ratable.

Mr. Jacoby remarked that no homestead allowance was reserved on the property behind the high school when that was preserved, and so it can only be leased unless a farmer who lived locally would be interested in buying it. Mr. Jacoby wondered if the State would permit the Township to buy back one acre. Mr. Yodakis remarked that this is possible under Green Acres program, so it might be worth investigating. Mr. Jacoby will bring the question to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board.

**New Business**

Mr. Eastman will contact Tim Anfuso to determine if the Smith property is deed restricted, and if it can be sold. Mr. Eastman will ask both Mr. Anfuso and Mrs. Honigfeld about the property behind the high school. He will also ask how much was paid for these properties.

**Liaison Report**

None.

On a motion by Mr. Eastman, and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary