



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

11/10/14

Meeting Minutes

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

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Eastman, the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting were approved.

Old Business

A Target List recently vetted by John Jacoby, and a Target List recently issued by the County were compared with previous lists and with current information. There appear to be some discrepancies. Mr. Eastman will make an appointment to meet with Mr. Orgo to clarify the status of the properties on the list. Some properties might not qualify if the soil fertility doesn't meet State standards. If a property is on the County list, it should be eligible for preservation by the State. In that case, the State pays 2/3 of the cost, the County pays 2/3 of the remainder, and the municipality's share is just under 10%. If a municipality wants to preserve a property that does not meet State qualifications, the cost to the municipality is much higher.

New Business

Mr. Eastman distributed copies of a personal letter he drafted that will eventually accompany a letter to targeted property owners, when the Target List is completed. Mr. Jacoby offered editorial comments to the previous letter of 2012.

The meeting schedule for 2015 was approved, as attached.

Liaison Report

Mr. Jacoby reported that he learned at a meeting of the County Agriculture Development Board that NWS Earle has a grant of \$5 million that is earmarked for acquiring farmland for preservation within a circumference encircling their property.

On a motion by Mr. Jacoby, and seconded by Mr. Yodakis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, December 8, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary