



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

02/08/16

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Edward Eastman III, Liaison Thomas Orgo, David Barclay, Jena Cosimo and Jill Rocco

Absent: John Jacoby, Thomas Morin, Richard Rehm, Mike Stivala and Al Yodakis (all excused)

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Lacking a quorum the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were tabled.

Old Business

Mr. Eastman reported that Harriet Honigfeld informed him that it is not possible for the Township to buy back a part of the preserved farm behind the High School for a home site. A house can be built there, but it may not be occupied by the property owner or any member of the owner's family. The house may be used solely for the purpose of housing farm laborers. Ms. Cosimo added that this regulation is a part of the State program.

Mr. Eastman reported that the first appraisal has come in for Crystal Brook, and the second appraisal is awaited. Mrs. Honigfeld has not heard from deGroot.

Mr. Eastman reported that the Smith farm is not in the Farmland Preservation program, but was purchased outright by the Township. Mr. Orgo explained that the Township Committee does not wish to sell the property, as it is a useful asset for bonding purposes.

New Business

Mr. Barclay remarked that a 200-acre preserved farm was recently sold in Manalapan. Mr. Orgo explained that it had been sold at auction, at about \$20,000 per acre.

Liaison Report

Century Stables is for sale.

On a motion by Mr. Barclay, and seconded by Mr. Eastman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary