



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

03/14/16

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Edward Eastman III, John Jacoby, Thomas Morin, Mike Stivala Al Yodakis and Alternate Jena Cosimo

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

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

Old Business

Mr. Eastman reported that the Smith farm is not deed restricted, but was purchased outright. Mr. Eastman reported that Crystal Brook is still awaiting the second appraisal.

Discussion ensued regarding the preserved land behind the High School, which lacks a residence, or a lot set aside for a residence for the owner. Only farm laborers can live on any residence that might be built on this land. Ms. Cosimo remarked that removing an easement, even from a part of a property, is a very difficult process. She further stated that some farmers are seeking smaller farms like this one. If the Township owned it and a residence were there that it could be rented and still used as collateral for bonding.

New Business

It has been reported that developers are looking for land for affordable housing. Larger tracts are needed, as it is cost effective only to build many market-rate units in order to also build the affordable housing. Due to increased pressure to meet affordable housing quotas, Mr. Eastman will draft a new letter to be sent to all property owners on the target list for Farmland Preservation.

Liaison Report

None.

On a motion by Mr. Stivala, and seconded by Mr. Yodakis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41. Next meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary