



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

5/11/15

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Edward Eastman III, Liaison Thomas Orgo, David Barclay, John Jacoby and Thomas Morin

Absent: Brian Grant, Richard Rehm (excused) and Al Yodakis (excused)

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. Barclay, the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were approved, Mr. Morin abstaining.

**Old Business**

Mr. Eastman reported that Colts Neck does not have a ranking system, as mentioned on the application for preservation, and is therefore moot. Mr. Morin offered to assist Cicalese in obtaining a Farmland Preservation sign.

**New Business**

Mr. Orgo reported that the Schneiders are investigating the possibility of putting their farm into farmland preservation, and have approached the Monmouth Conservation Foundation for advice. It was noted that the Wykoff farm in Manalapan was sold at \$2.2 million, with a 15% buyer's premium; i.e., at approximately \$18,000.00 per acre.

**Liaison Report**

The last meeting of the MCADB was cancelled, leaving unsettled the matter of a nursery in Wall that stands accused of causing massive erosion by cutting down 90% of the trees on its property within 1 & ½ years. The Right To Farm law permits cutting of 10% a year. This nursery holds plants for a short time, and then sells them. Mr. Orgo noted that Colts Neck ordinance requires that any farm stand must grow at least 51% of its sales on land within the Township.

On a motion by Mr. Morin, and seconded by Mr. Barclay, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary