



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

07/11/16

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Edward Eastman III, John Jacoby, Thomas Morin, Mike Stivala and Al Yodakis;
Alternates Jena Cosimo
Absent: Liaison Thomas Orgo, David Barclay (excused), Richard Rehm (excused), Jill Rocco and Janine Pinguelo (excused)

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting were tabled.

Old Business

Mr. Eastman reported that an estimate for Crystal Brook was invalid. Ms. Cosimo noted that Ms. Honigfeld sent the case back to the State, but the State does not want to pay for the portion of the parcel that has an irrigation easement. The subject will be discussed at Township Committee meeting this week.

New Business

The Appellate Court overturned a local court and ruled that an Ocean County municipality is not liable for the affordable housing contribution of the “gap years” during which COAH regulations were in question. Ms. Cosimo reported that renewal of the “Garden State Preservation Trust,” a dedicated tax. Has been approved, so more funds for preservation will be available next year, although not as much a previously. Ms. Cosimo suggested that there are many alternate ways to save land parcels that are smaller than the State’s preferred 25-plus acres. Mr. Jacoby countered that preserving larger parcels is more efficient. Mr. Eastman will investigate who was the buy of the Schneider farm, which is on the Target List.

Liaison Report

Mr. Jacoby reported that the County has approved Jon Stewart’s application for use of Hockhockson Farm as a commercial farm. Mr. Eastman will investigate whether the Stewarts have submitted a site plan to the Township.

On a motion by Mr. Yodakis, and seconded by Mr. Eastman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary