



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

Farmland and Open Space Committee

09/12/16

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Chairman Edward Eastman III, Liaison Thomas Orgo, Thomas Morin, Richard Rehm and Alternate Jena Cosimo

Absent: David Barclay (excused), John Jacoby, Jill Rocco, Mike Stivala and Al Yodakis (excused) and Alternate Janine Pinguelo

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

Old Business

DeGroot is still considering whether to apply for preservation. There is a Category I stream running through the property.

New Business

The decision by the Ocean County Court, that the “gap” years in affordable housing should not be considered in setting quotas, is on appeal.

Liaison Report

Mr. Orgo reported that Crystal Brook has signed the farmland preservation contract. There had been a delay while the State determined whether to purchase the rights on the drainage easement. The State agreed to do so, as the applicant assured that they will continue to farm on that portion, as well as the remainder of the parcel. The easement merely allows the Township the right to clean the drains, and does not interfere with the ability to farm this piece of land.

Mr. Orgo reported that the buyer of the Schneider farm is not interested in farmland preservation at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Rehm, and seconded by Ms. Cosimo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday, November 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary