



COLTS NECK FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Farmland and Open Space Committee	04/14/03	Meeting Minutes
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<p>Attended by: Chairwoman Carol Barnett; Lillian Burry; James Stuart; Christina McGarry; Pat Polgar; Thomas Orgo; Richard Rehm; Todd Edwards Absent: Vice Chair Kim Rothberg; John Jacoby Also Present: Anne-Marie Olenik, Secretary; Andy Strauss, Planner</p>
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Topic	Summary of Meeting
Meeting Called to Order	Chairwoman Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Roll Call.
Approval of March Minutes	March minutes were not reviewed.
In-Service Training	<p>Andy Strauss provided continued training in the options available for farmland preservation, with an emphasis on preserving properties under the Planning Incentive Grant (PIG).</p> <p>Andy will also forward a copy of the "Five Points Farm" easement preservation application which he prepared on behalf of the Township (March 2001) and a copy of the SADC's "General Directions for Completing an Application." The General Directions contain the State's evaluative criteria for scoring / ranking a farm-application utilizing soil quality, appurtenancy of preserved land, municipal zoning, infrastructure extension, etc.</p>
Continuing Business	<p>Property teams reported on their progress. The target property list was reviewed and edited. We believe we now have the final list of properties we intend to focus on for this year. The list will be reviewed and modified again at the beginning of next year.</p> <p><i>ACTION ITEM: Carol Barnett will arrange a property tour for committee members.</i></p> <p><i>ACTION ITEM: Review Planning Incentive Grant(PIG) property list; first to be sure we know which properties were targeted for PIG and why, and second to be sure property owners on the PIG list get invited to the F & OS dinner. Carol Barnett will bring the property list to the May meeting; Lillian and Pat will review the list prior to sending out the invitations to dinner</i></p>

<p>Reports</p>	<p>MCADB No report.</p> <p>SADC No report.</p> <p>Township Liaison Report Budget report: The total cost of the Farmland Bulletin mailing was \$1,517. The Committee's budget balance is \$5,368; this needs to cover the dinner and the rest of the year's expenses. \$1,769,106 is the sum of money from the Dedicated tax for Open Space Preservation.</p> <p>Networking Tom Orgo reported that it will not be necessary for the Committee to make an application to the Farm Bureau since the township already receives the Farm Bureau Report. In addition we spoke about inviting members of the Agriculture Board to speak at our meetings in the future. We will have more discussion on this as appropriate.</p> <p><i>ACTION ITEM: Lillian will forward a copy of the Farm Bureau bulletin to the committee.</i></p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Newsletter The township received excellent feed back from the Winter/Spring Farmland Bulletin mailing. It was agreed not to do a bulk mailing next time, but to create a specific mailing list. It was also suggested that future items could be included in the Farmland Assessment report that all farm assessed property owners receive.</p> <p>Organized Dinner The dinner committee reported. The date is set for Tuesday, 5/20/03 at 7pm at Christopher's. Invitations are at the printer. It is anticipated 50 guests will attend, in addition to Committee members. Invitations will be mailed to property owners on the target property list and Planning Incentive Grant property owners. Contact Mrs. Burry or Mrs. Polgar with additional names.</p> <p>Robert Neff from Pitney Harding was recommended as a speaker. Mr. Neff specializes in estates and wills. It was also suggested to have a property owner who has gone through the preservation process speak at the dinner. Planner Andy Strauss will attend.</p> <p>Signage Mrs. Burry reported the order has been placed for the sign for the Township's Five Points Road property.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Tom Russell requested the Committee's endorsement of his January 21, 2003 letter, regarding Planning Board Application #PB 596 – Phalanx & Laird Roads. Consensus is there is not enough information at this time for the Committee to endorse the proposal.</p> <p><i>ACTION: We will review Tom's request at the May meeting to decide if we should send a letter of endorsement to the Township Committee</i></p>
<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm; seconded. Next meeting 05/12/03 at 7:30pm at the Town Hall.</p>