

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 7, 2007
Meeting Minutes

At 7:35 pm, Mr. Romano called the meeting to Order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call:

Present: Butch, Pinhas, Romano

Absent: Halka, Wilson

Approval of the minutes of April 2, 2007. Ms. Pinhas offered a motion, and Ms. Butch offered a second. All in favor.

Public Comment

The public comment portion opened at 7:36 and closed at 8:10.

- Mr. Tom Dancer, 198 Sweetmans Lane, attended to discuss a manure management process using leaves. He farms 450 acres across three towns and has a 6-acre homestead in Millstone. He is registered and inspected by the DEP. Mr Romano requested Mr. Dancer inquire with the DEP about getting a manure management license. Ms. Butch mentioned that if the Township were to proceed with him, he would need to prepare a business plan and proposal for the Township. The Township will have 18 months to comply with this legislation once it goes into effect in 2008.

Old Business

- Municipal Planning Incentive Grant - Identification and types of farming and acreage – Ms. Naugle will request the Tax Collector's assistance in updating the information compiled last year.
- Clambake – Please let Ms. Naugle know if you are available to assist with the event. Ms. Pinhas will see if the Girl Scouts can assist with clearing tables.
- Garden State Preservation Trust – Ms. Butch made a motion and Ms. Pinhas offered a second to approve a resolution supporting the renewal of the Garden State Preservation Trust. All in favor. The Township Committee and OS&FP Council adopted similar resolutions.
- Agricultural Economic Development Actions – The draft list of actions was reviewed and additions were made.

New Business

- Open Space & Farmland Preservation Update – Ms. Butch provided an update on the upcoming closings and survey work. She also mentioned that three farms participated in the Bid-Down Process for the County Easement Program.
- Insurance for Mobile Farm Equipment – Ms. Pinhas mentioned that the April 14th edition of *This Week in Farm Bureau* included an article about insurance for mobile farm equipment. The article will be posted to the website.

At 9:00 pm, Ms. Pinhas made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Butch offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle