

Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2012

Mr. Peck called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: (3) Butch, Halka, Peck

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Pinhas

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Ms. Halka to approve the June 4, 2012, minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes: (3) Butch, Halka, Peck

Nays: (0)

Correspondence

- **Memo from the Municipal Clerk regarding the Open Public Meetings Act:** The memo explains that official action can only be taken by a public body at a meeting that is open to the public. Official action cannot be taken during executive session or through email, texting or other communication.

Old Business

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farm Leases:** The farm lease at Millstone Park (former Lee Farm) is in the final year of the three-year lease. The Township Committee will review the leased areas and will likely remove farm areas, for park planning needs, from the next lease agreement.
- **Horse Keeping Businesses and New Jersey Sales and Use Tax:** Nothing new to report.
- **Agriculture Museum:** Council members discussed the letter to the Open Space Council regarding funds raised from the annual clambake fundraiser, which has been co-sponsored by the Ag Council each year. Cumulatively, over \$46,000 has been raised from the event over the past six years. The letter requests the use of a portion of the funds to relocate the Allen Barn to the Baird Homestead. The historic barn will become part of the agriculture museum at the preserved Thomas Baird Homestead and Cultural Resource Center. The letter was distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and all members have had the opportunity to review, comment and provide input to the letter. Ms. Butch explained that two bids have been obtained to 1) take the barn apart and 2) to take the barn apart and re-assemble it at the Baird Homestead. The

New Jersey Barn Company bid on the project and has been approached by the PBS network regarding filming a documentary about relocating a barn.

Ms. Halka made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Peck to approve the letter, as written, to be sent to the Open Space Council requesting a portion of the funds raised from the past six annual clambake fundraisers to be used towards the relocation of the historic Allen Barn. Roll call vote:

Ayes: (3) Halka, Peck, Butch

Nays: (0)

The letter will be on the Open Space Council's July 26th meeting agenda. Ag Council and Historic Preservation Commission members are invited to attend the meeting in support of the request.

- **Community Map Fundraiser:** Ms. Butch explained that the response to the fundraiser has been good but progress has been slow due to the many other activities and commitments of the *Friends* group. The deadline for advertising has been extended to the end of July.

New Business: None.

Upcoming Events

- **Millstone Day** is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd, from noon to 5:00 pm at Frogbridge Day Camp. Council members discussed displaying some of the museum items obtained from the New Jersey Agriculture Museum as well as providing educational information about the planned agriculture museum at the Baird Homestead and the relocation of the Allen Barn.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Ms. Halka and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher, Council Secretary