

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2015

Attendance: All Members Present – Betty Jane Hunt, Bill Kiriluk, Greg Sappington, Heidi Tomenchok, & Chester Urbanski

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The November and December meetings were cancelled and the January meeting was postponed to this date since January 1st was our regular meeting date.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 2, 2014 were approved.

Re-organization: Chester noted that he and Greg were reappointed for 3 year terms on the AAC at the Township Committee re-organization meeting on January 5, 2015. Chester was also reappointed as the CADB liaison along with Hal Shute from the Open Space Committee.

Chester was unanimously re-elected Chair and it was agreed to rotate secretaries as we have been doing.

Business Discussed: As requested by the Township Clerk, a letter was sent to FERC opposing the PennEast pipeline. Copy of said letter was included on the agenda. Chester noted that PennEast is a private company that stands to make a lot of money. The pipeline doesn't benefit West Amwell or the County and it's still unclear where the gas will go. The first proposed route through West Amwell would affect a lot of farmland. A second route currently being considered would follow the JCP&L right-of-way.

Chester reported that there is currently \$500 in the Township budget for the AAC.

Betty Jane talked to Ryan Kerr and he has agreed that we can use his parking lot on Rt. 31 for a farmers market if there is interest. Heidi noted some things vendors may want such as a bathroom facility and electric. It was agreed we shouldn't ask Ryan for more than the space he is offering us. Chester will approach the East Amwell AAC and tell them we have a location for a farmers market and ask if there is any interest in pursuing the formation of a market together.

Chester reported that the 319 grant is in the hands of DEP and nothing is happening.

Chester said the Lambert Farm is in the process for preservation but he doesn't know the status.

The next meeting will be 7p.m. on March 5th at the Municipal Building. Greg will be the secretary in March and Heidi will be secretary for our April meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Jane Hunt