

## **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **October 1, 2015**

#### **Attendance:**

Present – Chester Urbanski, Greg Sappington, Betty Jane Hunt, Bill Kiriluk, and John Dale (Township Committee Liaison)

Excused – Heidi Tomenchok

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting were approved as presented. No September meeting was held.

#### **Property Preservation Updates:**

1. Holcombe Property – Attorney Faherty is working on the cell tower easement.
2. Fulper Property – No updates
3. Lambert Property – This should be preserved soon. The Township Committee has an ordinance to fund the preservation.
4. Toll North – The funding ordinance has been approved by the Township Committee and surveys are to follow.

Thanks was noted to Open Space Committee member, Cathy Urbanski, for these updates.

#### **Review of WAT Farmland Preservation Plan:**

This Plan was adopted by the West Amwell Planning Board on October 19, 2010. Chester suggested that we should review the Plan to see what it contains and then decide what our responsibilities are as the AAC, what should be updated, and see if we have any questions regarding the Plan.

Chester noted that the AAC no longer needs to have the perc tests done or go to the County for funding. The Open Space Committee now secures the funding and the WAT Board of Health does the perc testing.

It was noted that the Tables and Figures are outdated – some of the information dates back to 2002. There were questions as to where we have over 2,000 ducks? (Figure 5B).

After discussion on the Figures and Tables, it was agreed as follows:

- Ask Assessor David Gill for an update of the Farmland Assessed Properties
- Ask the Open Space Committee if they have changes for Figures 3, 6, 7, and 8 and an updated Preserved Property Inventory
- Ask the Planning Board if they want the Plan updated and if so are they willing to spend the money for the Planning Board planner to update the Tables and Figures to eventually change some of the text to match the updated Table and Figure information to reflect changes where changes have occurred.

Chester will ask the above entities for this information.

#### **Acting Secretaries:**

November – Chester

December – Greg

January – Heidi

**Discussion:**

Betty Jane asked if East Amwell ever re-appointed an Ag Advisory Committee. Chester said the last he heard, they haven't but he will find out.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Jane Hunt, Acting Secretary