

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2016

Attendance:

Present – Chester Urbanski, Greg Sappington, Betty Jane Hunt, Bill Kiriluk, Heidi Tomenchok, Township Committee Liaison John Dale.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Urbanski at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes of May 5, 2016 were approved as written by Acting Secretary, Betty Jane Hunt. There was no meeting in June.

Holcombe Property Update:

Chairman Urbanski reported that progress is still being made by the Open Space Committee, the property should be preserved by the Fall, 2016.

Farmland and Open Space Preservation:

As of a press release, June, 28, 2016, Governor Chris Christie had avoided an override of his veto of the Open Space Bill to allocate the open space and farmland preservation funding approved by the voters in November 2014. As per the same press release the Governor agreed to the funding, with conditions, if the Democrats would agree to fund the State's "Blue Acres Program", which purchases flood prone properties.

Easter Egg Hunt: Parks and Rec. has this on their agenda, to be on schedule for Easter, 2017.

Communication Concerning the East Amwell AAC: Email communication to EAT AAC regarding possibility of shared farmers market on Route 31.

Open to members for discussion: Betty Jane told about her visit to Breanna Fulper's farm in upstate New York.

Acting Secretaries:

August – Greg

September – Heidi

October – Betty Jane

Adjournment:

There being no further business from the members for discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Urbanski, Acting Secretary