

**MEETING NOTES**  
**EAST AMWELL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 18, 2016; EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Agricultural Advisory Committee began at 7:35PM. Notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board.

**2016 ATTENDANCE**

Agricultural Advisory Committee Member	1/7/16	2/1/16	3/14/16	4/18/16	5/16/16	6/20/16	7/18/16	8/15/16	9/19/16	10/17/16	11/21/16	12/19/16
Kit Crisafulli		No	7:45	X								
Rob Garrett	X	Qu	X	X								
John Perehinys		oru	X	X								
Candice Wiggum	X	m	X	X								
Joseph Heckman		Pre		X								
		sent										

*Others present on 4/18/16: Sharon Brighthaupt as recording secretary and David Wang-Iverson, Township Committee Liaison.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

David Wang-Iverson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and expressed his optimism for progress from the current members of the committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Candice Wiggum has activated the Facebook page and a few people have joined. We are looking forward to more members from the community joining.

**PRESENTATION OF MARCH 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Rob Garrett asked if all had reviewed the minutes and if there are any corrections or changes. Candice Wiggum made a motion for the minutes to be accepted as presented. Kit Crisafulli seconded, Joseph Heckman abstained as he was not present at the last meeting. All other in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The mission statement is the first order of business for the committee. Joseph Heckman gave some input to what had been prepared and distributed. Rob Garrett will combine those comments and expand on what has been prepared so far and at the next meeting he will have a final draft for review and acceptance by the committee. Some discussion took place around what should be addressed by the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The secretary responded to a question from the last meeting, it is acceptable to attend a meeting by Facetime and/or by telephone conference call. These methods could be used in the rare cases where someone is unable to attend in person.

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Candice Wiggum attended the Planning Board Meeting and reported there were concerns from the public regarding parking near the Golf Course. Also temporary housing for seasonal workers. Special events on preserved farm land is a subject that should be considered by this committee. For example, farms that have Alpaca's, Llamas, or other diversified activities should be given positive consideration as long as it is not detrimental to neighbors. A Special Events Permit may be considered by the Township Committee to help develop guidelines for such activities.

John Heckman suggested it would be beneficial to include something in the future activity guidelines to ensure the soil and water would not be negatively impacted.

Candice Wiggum also attended a portion of the FOSBC meeting and she brought the list of preserved farms. A master list of properties with farm land assessment should be available from the Tax Collector.

Joseph Heckman elaborated on the need for raw milk to be made available from the farms in New Jersey. The law prohibiting the sale of raw milk does not really have protection for people. People are driving long distances to buy raw milk in surrounding states. He has been invited to participate as a panel member to debate the subject in St. Louis on August 3, 2016 at the International Association of Food Protection.

Rob Garrett will put together an outline for the report to the Township Committee.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Farm Bureau and CADB Meeting Minutes

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Perehynys made a motion the meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:10PM. Kit Crisafulli seconded, all in favor.

Next AG Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:30PM.

/s/ Sharon L. Brighthaupt

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Sharon L. Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary  
April 18, 2016