

MEETING NOTES
EAST AMWELL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 20, 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 7:45PM. 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 | 7/11/16 | 8/1/16 | 9/19/16 | 10/17/16 | 11/21/16 | 12/19/16 |
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| Kit Crisafulli | | No | 7:45 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Rob Garrett | X | Qu | X | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| John Perehinys | | oru | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Candice Wiggum | X | m | X | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| Joseph Heckman | | Pre | | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| | | sent | | | | | | | | | | |

Others present on 6/20/16: Sharon Brighthaupt as recording secretary

CALL TO ORDER

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Rob Garrett noted there was no one from the public present and asked for a motion to Open and Close to the public So moved, all in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candice Wiggum will not be available for four consecutive 3rd Monday’s (July through October). Rob moved we move the meeting date to the 1st Monday of the month for this period of time starting on August 1, 2016. Candice Wiggum seconded the motion. All in favor.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Rob Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for April 18, and May 16, 2016. Candice Wiggum seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Winery Questionnaire: Rob Garrett read the questions aloud and recorded the comments of the committee.

Discussion of the farm data on the Excel Spreadsheet he distributed to the committee members. He asked for a volunteer to review the data more thoroughly and come up with a more concise list of distributions of the size of the lots and distributions of the crops. Joseph Heckman volunteered. Further discussion will be delayed until the data has been further studied.

Deer Management Experts will be invited to a meeting for further discussion about the subject before deer season starts. It is a subject that is a problem for everyone, not just farmers and could be of interest

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across the board It was decided to also invite someone from Fish and Wildlife to attend the discussion meeting. The Hopewell Township officials will also be invited. A special meeting will be scheduled for July 11, and the officials will be invited to have a discussion about deer management.

Rob Garret included a link which was distributed to the members of the 2010 FOSPC plan. The most recent he was able to locate. If a newer one is available he would like it to be sent to the members.

REPORTS

FACEBOOK UPDATE

Candice Wiggum reported there are currently approximately 85 members. Members signing up have slowed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A biggest tree contest is taking place in Raritan. It might be interesting as a contest of the future using the Facebook page to spread the word. This will be tabled until a later date.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Farm Bureau and CADB Meeting Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

Rob Garrett made a motion the meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:45PM. Joseph Heckman seconded, all in favor.

Next AG Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:30PM.

/s/ Sharon L. Brighthaupt

Sharon L. Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary
July 9, 2016