

**MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 16, 2018; 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 7:30PM. 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.

**2018 ATTENDANCE**

Agricultural Advisory Committee Member	1/15/18	2/19/18	3/22/18	4/16/18	5/23/18	6/18/18	7/16/18	8/20/18	9/17/18	10/15/18	11/19/18	12/17/18
<b>Kit Crisafulli</b>	X	X										
<b>Ann DelCampo</b>	X		X	X								
<b>Rob Garrett</b>	X	X	X	X								
<b>John Perehinys</b>												
<b>Candice Wiggum</b>	X	X	X	X								

*Others present: Sharon Brighthaupt as recording secretary*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

Candice Wiggum made a motion to open to the public Rob Garrett seconded. All In favor. Candice Wiggum made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Rob Garrett. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Farmers market – Candice reported she emailed Allison Castellano and suggested if the farmers market is advertised and those who have extra vegetables to sell are invited to attend. Someone needs to be the organizer. Francis Gavigan volunteered to be the organizer. Further discussion can take place later in the season. We will put it on the agenda for further discussion.

Rob Garrett asked if anyone had any update about the horse farm Ilona English brought to the committee earlier in the year. There was some discussion, but no clear update has been reported to date.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 22, 2018 meeting were presented. Candice Wiggum noted some changes. The edits will be made and the updated minutes will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

**DEER MANAGEMENT**

Candice Wiggum brought the document she prepared to be included with the tax bills. The members reviewed and commented on the document and decided the only thing missing is a link to the site. A second more thorough document was also prepared and distributed to the committee members. This document will be placed on the Township Website in the AGC section.

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The poster prepared by Ann DelCampo is on display in the lobby of the municipal office. The secretary will ask for the poster to be placed prominently next to the tax window for a two-week period before taxes are due.

As a part of the Community Day celebration, if an easel can be borrowed the poster will be on display at the AGC Community Day table. Others are encouraged to volunteer to man the table at the Community Day. Please contact Candice Wiggum if you have a few hours to help.

Wednesday there will be a follow-up meeting of the Deer Management AdHoc committee. Followed by a meeting of a legislative group on Thursday who will draft a proposal to designate the Sourlands as an experimental commercial hunting area. Part of East Amwell Township is in the designated area.

**REPORT ON AGRICULTURE IN THE TOWNSHIP**

Candice Wiggum had information from a Federal report on agriculture in the County. It appears to be done every five years, and if correct there should be an update coming out for totals from 2017. Information is difficult to find and we may need to go back to Banish for updates.

Candice Wiggum suggested we might want to have an informational meeting and bring in an expert on the new tax laws for farmers. Another subject of interest might be to bring in experts to discuss the regulations for obtaining depredation permits.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to scheduling difficulties the May meeting will take place on May 23, 2018. The secretary will place a notice. The June meeting will be cancelled.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

No public present at this time. Motions were heard from Candice Wiggum to open and close to the public, seconded by Rob Garrett and all in favor.

At this time Rob Garrett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Candice Wiggum. All in favor. The meeting ended at approximately 9:00PM. The next meeting will be May 23, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

/s/ Sharon L. Brighthaupt

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Sharon L. Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary