

Agriculture & Open Space Advisory Committee Minutes for April 6, 2006

Present

Beth Mead, Larry Thetford, Robert McKeon, Craig Vogel, Ken Migliorelli, Elizabeth Wilkins

Agenda

I. Glynwood Center: Keep Farming

The next step is to form a steering committee for the Keep Farming Study, which should include someone from the EDC, the Chamber of Commerce and more... Also, we need to explore options for paying for the study. Some ideas included researching grants and having a fundraiser.

II. Community Preservation Act

The Town of Warwick serves as a good model for Red Hook and they have offered their assistance in working with the CPA. The Town would need to develop a preservation plan. There also needs to be a Preservation Plan Committee, which would have 5-7 members, including one farmer. Ken, Crain, Rich and Mary Ann have all expressed an interest in being part of the Preservation Plan Board.

III. TDR

The Town will have a public workshop for a six month moratorium proposal in the Ag Reserve on Tuesday the 18th. Bill O'Neil will discuss what the Intermunicipal Group has been working on. 135 informational packets have been sent out to those that are in the Reserve.

IV. Referrals

The Tim Ross property plan was reviewed by the committee and a discussion ensued on the agricultural potential. Mary Ann, Miriam, Larry and Robert will all go out for a site visit. Mary Ann has agreed to write up our recommendation.

V. Conservation Easement

There are 11 applications that have been received by the CAC and Planning Board. The assessor is disputing two of them.

VI. Leoni-Migliorelli Property

This extensive plan was reviewed and discussed by the committee. We will be making a recommendation at our next meeting, on April 20th.