

**Minutes for the Agriculture and Open Space Advisory
Committee
July 13, 2006**

Present: Craig Vogel, Rich Biezynski, Robert McKeon, Larry Thetford and Beth Mead

Public Attendees: Trilbi Sieverding

Topics

I. Community Preservation Act

Our local bill was passed. Thanks to all for your hard work. We are awaiting the Governor's signature, and then we can get to work. In talks with local environmental groups, they suggest that we conduct community outreach and organize a group of citizens who would be responsible for the promotion/education of the CPA. The Nature Conservancy, Dutchess Land Conservancy, Trust for Public Land and Scenic Hudson are willing to come to Red Hook to meet with folks who are interested in being part of the group. It is hoped that the Community Preservation Act would go before the public in November.

II. Transfer of Development Rights

*See articles.

The committee is continuing to explore the possibility of a TDR proposal.

III. Keep Farming

A report was given about the initial steering committee for the Keep Farming study. The meeting was held Wednesday, June 14 at the Elmendorph.

IV. Ag Building Permits

We are currently seeking an answer to the question: Do certain agriculture structures need building permits? We were unable to adequately answer this question and will continue our research.

V. Purchase of Development Rights

The Mead and the North of Tivoli Group application are in the works. It was unanimously agreed to encourage the Town Board to move forward with these applications.

VI. Zoning Committee Review

The Town Board has requested that we select a member of this committee to be on the Zoning Committee Review.

