

Minutes for the Agriculture & Open Space Advisory Committee
Also: Keep Farming
February 22, 2007

Present: Beth Mead, Ken Migliorelli, Larry Thetford, Robert McKeon, Rich Biezynski, Mary Ann Johnson, Elizabeth Wilkins

Topics

I. CPA

Last night, the Town approved the CPA and put the referendum on May 1. Robert discussed the efforts in Albany for the state-wide bill.

II. The Inter Municipal Task Force

Ag Business District

The IMTF has asked for examples along with the criteria used by AOSC to determine which lands would be most appropriately included in the proposed Ag Business District." *See sheet Criteria-Ag Business District. Minor revisions to the sheets were made.*

Mary Ann is currently working on a computerized map of all the parcels that are actively farmed to be included with the criteria listings.

III. PDR

A meeting at the County to move forward the Mead Property is forthcoming. In a few weeks, the Wil-Hi appraisal should be complete; hopefully the application can be presented to the county at around the same time. On a state-wide level, the governor, proposed an additional 5\$mil for farmland protection.

The Bigger, Better, Water bill. Redemption for plastic bottles. This expansion is expected to expand the revenues for environmental protection fund by over\$100 million.

IV. Hudson Valley Ag Partnership Conference in Hudson

Friday, March 16, HV Ag partnership conference in Hudson. Larry and Mary Ann will present our Keep Farming farmer survey results thus far.

The Inter Municipal Task Force will start doing presentations. The 4th piece is ag zoning. As soon as draft as they prepare a draft we will review it.

V. Keep Farming

Surveys are continuing to come, slowly but surely.

VI. Planning Board Referrals

Committee members set a time and date for a site visit to the Voski property.