

## **Minutes for the Agriculture & Open Space Advisory Committee May 30, 2007**

**Present:** Larry Thetford, Beth Mead, Sue Crane, Robert McKeon, Miriam Latzer, Kenny Migliorelli, Rich Biezynski, Craig Vogel, Elizabeth Wilkins and 3 students from Wappinger's Falls High School.

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **I. Marketing our Farms**

##### **Red Hook Farming Website**

The committee discussed getting Red Hook farm information together for a new website with a link from the town's website. We discussed what data would be important and how we might go about getting all the information. Some examples were passed out for the committee to review.

##### **Farming Brochure**

The committee discussed creating a three-fold brochure with basic farm information to be produced and sent out to the community for marketing purposes.

##### **Farm Tours**

Ideas for farm tours were discussed in light of Metro North sponsoring a one day city escape that will go to Greig Farms and Gi-Gi Farm market/Alison Winery. What a grand idea to get folks out to our farms. Some included a bike or bus tour, or an event at various farms on a single day.

#### **II. Red Hook Farm Market**

The committee reviewed the question again of whether to establish a farmer's market here in Red Hook. A list of all the communities in Dutchess that have one was circulated. Challenges were discussed, as well as potential locations for a trial effort. There was general concensus that a village location should be obtained. The committee will continue to determine appropriate timing.

#### **III. Keep Farming**

Mary Ann would like to have a breakfast at the Elmendorph for farmers, at which the survey information could be presented. The dates that were suggested were July 16<sup>th</sup> or the 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **IV. Planning Board Referrals**

Subdivision on Hoffman Property. Small lot line alteration. The committee reviewed the proposal for the lot line alteration on the Hoffman Property and was in full support.

Submitted by Elizabeth Wilkins