

**AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes - February 27, 2008

Members Present: Rich Biezynski, Larry Thetford, Robert McKeon, Ken Miglorelli,  
Elizabeth Wilkins, Mary Ann Johnson, Pete Hubbell

Members Absent: Craig Vogel, Miriam Latzer, Rich Biezynski, Beth Mead  
Minutes taken by: Elizabeth Wilkins  
Meeting Time: 6:00pm

**Farmland Protection:** The committee discussed the Northern Assemblage projects, which may come to a vote by the Town Board later this month. A review of the status regarding the Mead and Wil-Hi projects was reported.

The committee began to review the West Kerley Corners project. The discussion started with trying to isolate the parcels that would need to be considered for state funding and then led to a discussion on which lands were most in jeopardy. The committee began by reviewing the largest farm parcels against the criteria for the state. After a detailed review, it was determined that Northwind, Bulkeley and Trezza farms be reviewed separately for application to the state or county. Additional mapping and information would be needed before a recommendation could be made.

**Marketing:** The committee reviewed a couple of possible grant opportunities to help fund the production and design costs for a new farm brochure. It was determined that we should consider making an application to the Berkshire Taconic Fund..

**Community Preservation Plan** - the AGOSC discussed the potential for the town to apply to the Ag & Markets for a farmland protection plan grant to cover some or all of the costs associated with developing the community preservation project plan. We discussed the fact that Greenplan had been hired to prepare Warwick's CPP, the only town in recent years to gain authorization and voter approval.

**Referrals:** The committee reviewed referrals to it by the Planning Board for advice.

The meeting concluded at 7:43pm.