

**AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes - April 28, 2008

Members Present: Larry Thetford, Robert McKeon, Ken Miglorelli,
Elizabeth Wilkins, Mary Ann Johnson, Beth Mead, Miriam
Latzer, Rich Biezinski
Members Absent: Pete Hubbell
Minutes taken by: Elizabeth Wilkins
Meeting Time: 6:00pm

Farmland Protection: The county projects were the subject of the initial discussion on farmland projects. The committee then began its review of the West Kerley Corners parcels to determine potential partners. We reviewed each parcel for the presence of the listed criteria for each program to determine the potential likelihood of receiving matching funds. It was hoped that we could conclude the initial review at the next meeting.

Robert reported that a meeting between the potential partners and the town that would be taking place shortly. He would convey the results of our initial work at that time and report back to the committee some of their thoughts on how best to approach the project.

Keep Farming: There was no update available on the Keep Farming initiative.

Community Preservation Fund Update: The committee discussed the potential candidates for the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board. There was concern among all the members that some of the individuals being proposed were not best candidates available to the town.

Marketing: There was discussion on a newspaper article that misrepresented that the town of Red Hook was looking at the possibility of a refrigerated car to carry its agricultural products. This was in fact a resident's suggestion at a town board meeting and not an initiative that we are pursuing.

Referrals: The committee reviewed two referrals by the Planning Board and it would be submitting advice to the Planning Board.

The meeting concluded at 8:13pm.

