

**Minutes for the Ag & Open Space Advisory Committee
July 27, 2008**

Present: Craig Vogel, Rich Biezynski, Mary Ann Johnson, Miriam Latzer, Larry Thetford, Robert McKeon, Ken Migliorelli

The meeting convened at 6:05 pm.

Agenda

I. Crop and Ag Business Reports

Ken reported that his farm market business is doing well. He has expanded the number of markets that he does each year. Richie reported that some of his customers seemed to be experiencing financial difficulties and he is worried about his sales. High end restaurants seemed to be holding their own.

Winter Market

Miriam reported on the conference for starting a winter farm market. The committee discussed location, time and vendors for the market, as well as efforts that might help launch the project.

Farmland Preservation Projects

Robert gave a brief report on the status of the various projects that have been approved but have not yet closed.

West Kerley Corners

An update was given about meetings that included the county and other potential partners regarding their role in partnering with the town on these properties. The Committee discussed the W Kerley various properties to develop a strategy on how to proceed. A state application

Marketing

The committee discussed some of the regional marketing efforts that are underway, as well as some proposed changes in regulation.

The meeting concluded at 7:45pm.