

Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025

Call to Order – the Colts Neck Farmland Preservation and Open Space Committee and Agricultural Advisory Sub-committee meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

There was a salute to the Flag and the Sunshine Law Notice was read.

A roll call occurred for the Farmland and Open Space committee. The meeting was attended by: Chair Jena Cosimo, Committeewoman Sue Fitzpatrick, Kevin O'Connor, Scott Britton, Dina Ryan, Jonathon Fabozzi, Dennis Kendall, Alison DeNoia, Tom Morin and Michael Stivala

Absent: Kevin Casey, Theresa Velardi

A roll call occurred for the Agricultural Advisory Sub-committee. The meeting was attended by: Jena Cosimo, Tom Morin, Michael Stivala

Absent: None

Jena Cosimo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, meeting. Dina Ryan seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were adopted as submitted.

<u>Old Business</u>

Green Acres Updates – No Updates.

REPI/NWSE Updates – Partners are moving forward with the preservation of an 80-acre property on Creamery Road. The land will be preserved through an easement that will restrict development. Partners are Monmouth Conservation Foundation, Monmouth County, and Colts Neck. Subsequent projects within Colts Neck through this program are being explored.

Farmland Preservation Updates - There are no active farmland projects. Colts Neck has SADC funds available. The update to the municipal farmland preservation plan is in draft form and under SADC review. This plan requires an update every 10 years.

CADB Report- The SADC continues to promote their Next Generation Farmer program, offering resources for new farmers.

Liaison Report – Committeewoman Fitzpatrick shared lists of preserved lands throughout Colts Neck, including those preserved through easements and through the municipal cluster ordinance provision. There was a discussion about the properties on the list, how they were protected and what land remains undeveloped that is not protected.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Ryan made a motion to open the meeting to public comment. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed. The meeting was opened to public comment.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Cosimo made a motion to close the meeting to public comment. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed. The meeting was closed to public comment.

The next Farmland and Open Space Committee Meeting and Agricultural Advisory sub-committee meeting will be held in July of 2025.

Ms. Cosimo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stivala seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ms. Cosimo.