

**Minutes
Hope Township
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Wednesday October 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Bob May.

Open Public Meetings Act:

Under the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act” adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the legal section of the Express Times and by posting notice in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards—all by October 10, 2015.

Present at this meeting were Committee members: Bob May, Richard Goodbody, and Josh Miller. Also in attendance was Sandy Urgo of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

- Approval of the minutes from the Committee’s meeting of August 5, 2015 was postponed on a motion by Josh Miller that was seconded by Bob May and approved by the Committee.

Old Business:

- Ms Urgo provided a status report on the Campbell Foundry property.

Correspondence:

- Correspondence was noted at our last meeting about a particular farm that is interested in farmland preservation and whether or not Old Mt. Hermon Blairstown Road (*an unimproved road*) was ever abandoned or vacated by Hope Township or whether the road is an “official” street/ road for the Township. That matter has been resolved with a determination that the unimproved road in question remains an official street/ road in Hope Township.

Update on Farmland Preservation Efforts:

- Ms. Urgo told of her efforts to contact various farmers and land owners in Hope Township, and she and the Committee spent some time reviewing a number of these potential properties for farmland preservation.
- Ms. Urgo suggested that as one potential interested farm was outside of Planning Area 2. She commented that it might be possible to adjust Planning Area 2 to include said property.
- Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the application of the (Malon Farm), and to submit the application to both the SADC and CADB. The motion was seconded by Mr. May and approved by the Committee.
- Ms Urgo spoke of another land owner interested in farmland preservation and remarked that she might have to recuse herself from consideration of that property due to a potential conflict of interest.

New Business:

- None.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman May at 8:10 PM on a motion by Josh Miller that was seconded by Richard Goodbody.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Goodbody, Secretary

