

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 5, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:38PM

Present: J. Bonham, D. Bush, S. Dufek, A. Hammerstone, L. LaFevre, R. Lozowski, B. Kirby-McDonough, L. Wilson

Excused: C. Frenchu, K. Young

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.

• 2023 Reorganization

Mayor Dan Bush administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office, swearing in those present for a one-year term. Welcome new member, Alex Hammerstone!

The 2023 meeting dates are approved. Updated member list and meeting dates will be distributed to all.

November Minutes Were Approved

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Accepted CMV of \$5300/acre. HLT received survey bids. Twp adopted final approval resolution on Nov 1. Resolution to be changed to include titlework.
- **Smith**, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41ac): CMV of \$4900/acre accepted by owner. No update.
- **Schmied/Harder** (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Avram Schmied plans to sell the farm. SADC is doing appraisals and negotiating option agreement for fee acquisition.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac): Accepted CMV of \$4700/acre. Working on subordination of mortgage. Survey on hold until this is resolved.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): Per realtor have an offer for \$9000/acre.

Other Land Preservation or Business

Hunterdon Knolls (behind Farm House Inn) – Larry LaFevre mentioned that a pre-build realty listing is already in place. Dan provided an overview and status of the proposed Huntington Knolls development. The third section of the project will consist of both COAH and regular housing units. The developer will be authorized to build when a checklist of the Township of Holland is complete and requirements of the State of New Jersey are fully satisfied.

J. Slate (B24 L6, 65.88ac) – Larry stated that the SADC plans to reopen the property for farmland preservation. However, there is an issue with an existing easement held by PennEast. It is uncertain if the property can be preserved with the easement in place.

Hunterdon County Farmland Preservation – Larry shared a copy of the updated County Application Status. Larry meets once a month to review the status with Bob Hornby (CADB), Jackie Middleton (Hunterdon Land Trust) and Stefanie Miller (SADC). Meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30AM. Members are invited to join on Zoom or in person at the County office building.

Farm Listings – Larry mentioned that both Bobolink and Nemeth farms are currently for sale.

Donation from D. Harder – Original sale poster of the Ralph Harder farm, dated May 7, 1959, was donated by Dave Harder.

Annual PIG Application and Update - Larry submitted to the SADC.

2023 Budget – Larry sent to K. Gano – Township CFO on December 6th.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): April 6th, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM