

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
March 5, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

At 7:10 pm, the Meeting was called to Order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call:

Present: Butch, Halka, Pinhas, Romano

Absent: Wilson

The public comment portion opened and closed at 7:10.

**Old Business**

- The feedback on the Equine Rescue Clinic was overwhelmingly positive. Ms. Naugle will follow-up with Mr. Morelli to see when the clinic will be shown on the PEG Channel.
  - Participants have asked when the Council will follow-up with a trailer rescue demonstration. Ms. Butch mentioned that she met an ASPCA representative recently that will be doing a demonstration for Ocean County. We would need a trailer that can be destroyed in order to host a demo in town. Ms. Pinhas suggested that a representative from the fire department attend the demo in Ocean County. Ms. Butch will get information on the demo.
  - Suggested topics for future clinics include the following:  
How to Comply with the Right to Farm Act
- Right to Farm Presentation - Ms. Butch hosted a Right to Farm presentation for the Planning Board during February. A second presentation for the Board of Adjustment will be held during March.

**New Business**

- Ms. Butch suggested that we add a “trading post” section to the Council’s website. The section could be used to post the following ads: land wanted to lease, farmland available for lease, animals for sale, used equipment for sale, etc. Our first post could be for a trailer donation. Once established, an e-mail will be sent to the Council’s mailing list.
- Ms. Pinhas suggested a notice be posted on the PEG Channel alerting motorist that farming season has arrived. Ms. Naugle will ensure the following notice is posted:  
Reminder - Farming Season is here again!  
Please be courteous of farm vehicles sharing our roads.  
Please observe the laws and exercise caution.

- Ms. Butch reviewed the Council's responsibilities in preparing the Millstone Municipal Farmland Preservation Plan. As a first step, the Council reviewed the Township's "Right to Farm." The following amendments will be recommended to the Township Committee.
  - The criteria from the State plan should be added.
  - The permissible activities should include fencing, equine related activities, and a reference to deer control.

Ms. Naugle will draft the suggested text and submit to the Council for review.

Additionally, the database of farm-assessed properties will be sorted to analyze farming trends in town and calculate the acreage used for each type of farming.

- Ms. Butch attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NJ Animal Emergency Working Group Symposium. She learned that each County was required to complete a County Animal Preparedness Response Plan. Those counties that developed a comprehensive plan were given a free trailer for demo purposes. Monmouth County did not receive a trailer. Ms. Butch will attempt to get a copy of the County's plan. An ASPCA rep at the event provided suggestions for the animal emergency kits. The following items were included on our original Equine Rescue Clinic list: ear plugs, Vicks or Citronella, 25' rope, pool noodles for water rescues, air compressor for mud rescues.
- Ms. Butch provided the Council with a Q&A handout written by Marci Green, SADC attorney, regarding a municipality's role in farm regulation. The Council should review the document and determine if it should be added to the website. The document refers to agricultural management practices (AMPs) that have been adopted by the SADC. Ms. Naugle will attempt to obtain copies of the AMPs.
- Open Space & Farmland Preservation Update - The OSFP is asking for the Council's help with their Clambake scheduled for June 3, 2007, from 1 – 5 pm.

At 9:00 pm, Ms. Butch made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Pinhas offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle