

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

Mr. Halka called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm.

The Board Secretary read the Adequate Notice statement.

Roll Call:

Present: Butch, Halka, Romano, Wilson

Absent: Pinhas

Public comment portion opened and closed at 7:27 pm.

Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2006. Mr. Romano made a motion to approve and Ms. Butch offered a second. All in favor.

Old Business:

- The scheduling of additional barn safety training was discussed. The session will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007, and include representatives from the Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, and residents. Mr. Romano will prepare a draft outline of the event. Ms. Butch will ask Dr. Keenan if he is available to participate in the event. Ms. Naugle will reserve the Community Center.
- The Agricultural Advisory Council and Open Space & Farmland Preservation Councils shared a booth Millstone Day. The Councils raised \$419 through donations and the money booth. Ideas for next year include the bucking bronco and a BBQ.
- Mr. Halka had a recent discussion with a barn owner who had smoke alarms installed in his barn. He and Ms. Butch will visit the barn and gain more information on the system.

New Business:

- Mr. Romano reviewed the following information that should be added to the website.
 - NJ Horse Council memo
 - American Horse Council
 - NJ Livestock Farmer SurveyThe NJ Horse Council memo will also be e-mail to the Agriculture distribution list.

- Mr. Romano was one of the coordinators for this year's NJ Horse Industry Symposium Monmouth Park on September 20. Ms. Butch, Mr. Abilheira, and Ms. Grbelja attended the event. The group's focus is on the scope of the horse industry and its impact on the state's economy, traditional agriculture and open space. Senator Ellen Karcher called Millstone Township the most equine-friendly town in New Jersey.
- Ms. Butch offered the following Open Space & Farmland Preservation Council update:
 - The preservation of the Dey property closed on 9/5/06.
 - The Restine and McFie properties are the next to close, probably in October/November.
 - Three additional properties are currently under review by the SADC.
 - The Infante reimbursement of approximately \$700,000 should be received shortly.
- Ms. Butch questioned whether relief for farmers as a result of this summer's weather would be available. Ms. Naugle will follow-up with Mr. Tim Dey.

At 8:30 pm, Mr. Romano made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Butch offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Naugle
Board Secretary