

**Minutes
Hope Township
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

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 The Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards on January 13, 2016 and January 15, 2016.

Present at this meeting were Committee members: Bob May 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 January 6, 2016 was postponed since Mr. Miller did not attend that meeting and Mr. Goodbody was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Correspondence:

- Email dated 2/10/2016 from R. May to John Koonz (cc. MaryPat Quinn & Sandy Urgo) Re: development easement on the Scorp Farm.

Email dated 2/16/2016 from Sandy Urgo to MaryPat Quinn Re: Campbell Foundry Farm.

Update on Farmland Preservation Efforts:

- Ms. Urgo provided a status report on five landowners who were actively involved in pursuing the sale of a development easement on their property. Subsequently, the Committee and Ms. Urgo reviewed a farmland preservation application on the Maertens Farm. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the application of the Maertens Farm, and to submit the application to both the SADC and CADB. The motion was seconded by Mr. May and approved by the Committee.

New Business:

- None.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman May at 8:15 PM on a motion by Josh Miller that was seconded by the Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert May, Chairman