

MINUTES

Bernards Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Committee: Carol English
Mariellen Keefe
Jim Milito
Debra DeWitt
Tyler Seville

BUSINESS:

- C English was appointed Committee Chair for 2021
- Review Committee Responsibilities
 - The Committee Responsibilities in Sec 2-32 Ag Ad Committee were reviewed
 - Resulting actions: Promote farmland preservation – Tyler will check with Planning Board about status of PIG funding. The Township declined to seek funding in 2020
- Website postings
 - Interest in linking to Township Ordinances and documents related to agriculture and Committee activities: right to farm, farmland preservation, PIG facts, Master Plan ag section
 - Follow up with Township on posting an interactive map with farm locations and links to individual farm websites
 - Add links to information related to agricultural activities on residential property. Two identified in 2020:
 - Chickens, livestock in residential zoning (Carol)
 - Fencing requirements related to vegetable gardens (Mariellen)
- Annual Activities actions and responsibilities
 - National Agriculture Month (March): Carol and Mariellen will look at virtual notice of Ag Day, 3/23
 - Farmer Meeting: There is a preference to have a face to face event so postponing to the fall might be best. This will be reviewed at the March meeting
 - Charter Day (May 15) : Will check with Township on holding the event

**Submitted by Carol English
On Behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee**