

MINUTES

Bernards Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

BUSINESS:

- Statement of the Open Public Meetings Act was read
- The Farm Assessment inventory was reviewed
- Community Outreach
 - C. English discussed the updates on the Committee website and links made to ordinances and appropriate documents.
 - T. Seville reported the Planning Board is not pursuing PIG funding at this time. There is currently no Open Space tax being collected which is required for PIG funding.
 - T. Seville discussed the farmer survey to gather information for the interactive map to post to the website. The survey will help with the map and provide information to post for residents to become more familiar with farms that exist in the community.
- Annual Activities actions and responsibilities
 - National Agriculture Month (March): A presentation was posted to the Committee website
 - Farmer Meeting: There is interest to hold a face to face meeting in the fall. D. DeWitt and J. Milito will lead the project.
 - Charter Day (May 15) : The event has been canceled for 2021
- Public Comment
 - Katie Koleto , 11 Archgate Rd, Basking Ridge & Sohana Domani 4 Coddington Court, Basking Ridge, NJ, members of the Ridge Youth Climate Action Coalition attended. They wanted to connect with local farmers and are considering starting a club garden. The Committee is pleased to provide information as needed. J. Milito suggested Katie and Sohana connect with the Recreation, Parks and Pathways Committee for potential sites in the community.

Submitted by C. English

On behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee