

MINUTES

Bernards Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Annual Farmer Meeting

Farm House at the Farmstead Arts Center

450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ

Attendees:	Debra DeWitt	Ag Ad Com	Todd Edelstein	Bernards
	Carol English	Ag Ad Com	Ken Wojnar	Bernards
	Jim Milito	Ad Ad Com	Dan Milito	Bernards
	Bill Anderson	Bernards	Richard Huckins	Bernards
	Brittany Anderson	Bernards	Joe Sorge	Bernards
	Patricia Anderson	Bernards	Renee Mareski	Bedminster
	Margareta Warlick	Warren	Kyle Dealaman	Warren

BUSINESS:

Farmer Meeting

- Sam Loscalzo: NJ RC&D : Provided information on the programs offered by NJ RC&D related to best management practices, Regenerative Farm Network, workshops, funding opportunities from EQIP and other sources for solar, fencing and other ag related infrastructures, equipment rental
- Maryann Tancredi, USDA: Provided information on several USDA programs such as Rural Energy loans for renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements, Value Added Producer Grant has grant and matching funds available, and other loan programs
- Walt Lane/Kate Katzer, Somerset County Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development provided details of several programs promoting farms and farming in the County. This office combines planning, with an emphasis on those programs combining elements of historic preservation , farms and economic development. They have developed a map to help promote farms in the county, educational information that can be used at local farm stores, informational meetings and mailing list to be notified of events and program developments. Farmers can sign up for these tools. Deb suggested the County link the Bernards Township Farm Map to their county map.