

Solebury Township Farm Committee
January 26, 2021
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Attendance: Kaitlin Farbotnik, Graham Phillips, Josh Perlsweig, Craig Haney, Gary Manoff, Tim Luccaro, Lars Crooks, Buz Teacher, Kevin Morrissey (Supervisor Liaison) and Nicole Slack (Township Administration) Absent: Thomas Mancini

I. Call to Order

Kaitlin Farbotnik called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Tim Luccaro seconded by Mr. Josh Perlsweig, the minutes of the December 29, 2020 Farm Committee meeting unanimously approved.

III. Announcements

IV. New Business

Coyote Population Increase

The Committee discussed the increase in coyote population in the Solebury area.

V. Discussion Items

Chair and Vice Chair

Kaitlin Farbotnik nominated Josh Perlsweig as Vice Chair. Tim Luccaro motioned Kaitlin Farbotnik as Chair. Both pass unanimously.

Update

Kaitlin Farbotnik discussed setting up a meeting with NOFA, between the committee and the Township, she will reach out to follow up.

2021 Plan

The committee will continue their efforts to develop a Landowner/Farmer match program utilizing NJ Land Link. Will continue outreach efforts in hopes of educating landowners and farmers in terms of virtual presentations.

Farmers Market

Josh Perlsweig reached out to the Food Shed Alliance; they are not looking to expand at this

point, yet if and when the committee starts a market, the Food Shed Alliance is willing to provide guidance in terms of a market manager, resources and information.

Kaitlin Farbotnik found a platform “Eat from Farms” which is relatively inexpensive. This platform hosts several farmers market. The concept is that customers shop online for various products then physically pick up the items they ordered. A buyer can purchase from multiple markets at one time but pick up the items at the same time.

Extension service used to do booklets that provided information to local farms, etc. This approach could be a possibility for the committee to produce booklets with information about Solebury Farms.

The Committee will explore a few outlets including a survey to residents gauging interest in a market and reaching out to the Township about using Township property (Public Works building).

Kaitlin Farbotnik will reach out to Dave Johnson of Land Trust if he would like to attend next meeting. Kaitlin will reach out to Kevin Morrissey in regards to the email survey for residents concerning Farmers Markets. Lars Crooks will reach out to Nate Spence from USDA and the Game Commission to follow up on deer control and coyotes.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:5 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Slack
Farm Committee Administrator