

Solebury Farm Committee
November 28, 2023
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

In attendance: Lars Crooks, Tim Luccaro, Graham Phillips, Gary Manoff, Kaitlin Farbotnik, Hanna Howe (Supervisor Liaison), Renee Scally (Township Administration)

Absent: Buz Teacher and Jonathan Grossman

Call to order

Lars Crooks called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes

July 2023 meeting minutes approved 1st Lars Crooks, 2nd Tim Luccaro, all in favor.

Announcements

Gary Manoff is going to be the Farm Committee representative for the Sustainability subcommittee.

Old Business

I. Land & Housing Use

a. Accessory Ordinance Amendment

The committee agrees with the ordinance proposed by the Board of Supervisors, but would like to recommend some additional revisions/changes at the next Board of Supervisors meeting in December, such as agricultural use, agritourism, grading permits, and stormwater management.

Lars makes a motion to the board to approve the clustering wording that is found in the Accessory Ordinance amendment. Tim 2nd the motion. All in favor [12:05]

The committee also wants the accessory buildings to include temporary housing for workers which includes a commercial type kitchen. Most workers cannot afford to live in Solebury, so the temporary housing could greatly help farmers. The acreage restriction needs to be modified.

Also, in the ordinance, the word “agriculture” needs to be updated and modernized.

Lars and Gary will be at the BOS meeting on December 12, 2023.

II. Administrative Business

a. Subcommittee Updates

None

b. Ways to get more residents involved

Kaitlin knows someone who is interested in joining the committee. Kaitlin will have her to email Cathy Cataldi. Jonathan Grossman is resigning from the Farm Committee. Need 2 more residents to join the committee.

III. Agricultural Promotion Objectives

a. Farmer-Land Match Program updates

Tim and Kaitlin are finalizing the spreadsheet to put on the website

New Business

I. 202 Property – Farmer’s Market Presentation

The committee is not interested

II. 2024 Meeting Dates

The committee is in approval of the meeting dates for 2024.

Public Comment

Josh Perlsweig mentioned that the Farm Committee could get an agricultural lawyer to help out with the ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. 1st by Lars Crooks and 2nd Kaitlin Farbotnik

Respectfully Submitted by:
Renee Scally