

August 7, 2006

The Tewksbury Township Agricultural Advisory Committee met at 6:33 pm on the above date at the Mountainville Meeting Hall 60 Water Street, Mountainville.

Members present were: Shaun C. Van Doren, chairman, Theodore G. Koven and J. Miller Craig.

Mr. Van Doren read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement indicating the meeting was noticed by the Township Clerk on July 26, 2006.

#### MINUTES

Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2006. Mr. Van Doren seconded the motion. AYES: 2, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: Koven

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The following pieces of correspondence were received:

A letter from the SADC dated June 26, 2006 w/ a list of SADC Approved Appraisers;  
A copy of Senate Bill S-2027 appropriating \$ 21,588,646 from the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund which includes \$ 700,000 for Tewksbury and combining the 4 PIG project areas into 1 newly named project area, called Tewksbury Twp.

A letter from the SADC dated July 17, 2006 granting final approval to the Storms Farm with a grant allocation of \$ 11,400 per acre from the SADC and \$ 3,800 per acre from the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Program.

A copy of a letter dated July 24, 2006 from Shana Crane, Land Use Administrator to John Crimi providing a copy of the certification report dated June 22, 2006.

#### Farmland Applications

##### **Tewksbury Associates**

The Tewksbury Associates application was discussed including Ms. Crane's memo of April 28, 2006 and the response from Tewksbury Associates dated July 18, 2006. The discussion centered on what was remaining to preserve on the two parcels if two new houses/home sites were still to be constructed. The development rights on Lot 23.01 could be acquired if the owners forgo building a second home on the site. In addition, if they give up the ability to build on Lot 23.02 and that were placed into the application as well then the rights could potentially be acquired thereby 2 homes would be prevented and no changes to the farm would essentially happen. Mr. Van Doren will review with Ms. Goodchild and have a letter sent to the family.

##### **Clucas**

Mr. Van Doren reviewed this application and request and unless there is another landowner in the vicinity who is also interested in selling their development rights, no new PIG application could be put together. Therefore the ability to acquire the rights to build 1 home on this parcel does not further the PIG program in trying to preserve multiple contiguous or nearby properties at one time. The application will be kept on file and reviewed in the future as other landowners express interest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

  
Shaun C. Van Doren